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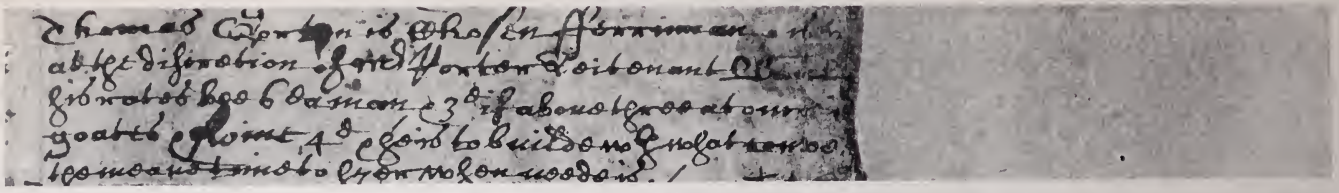

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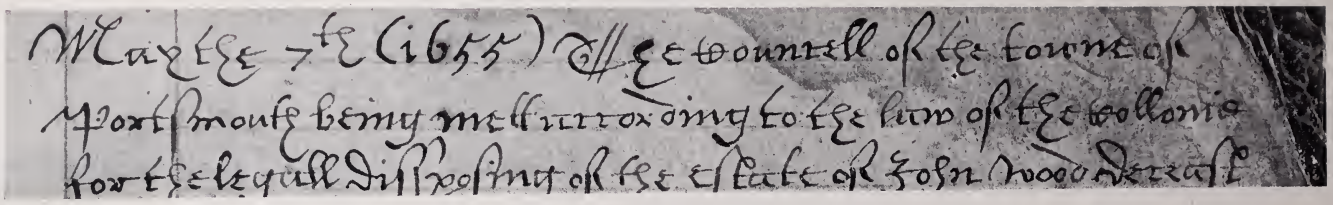

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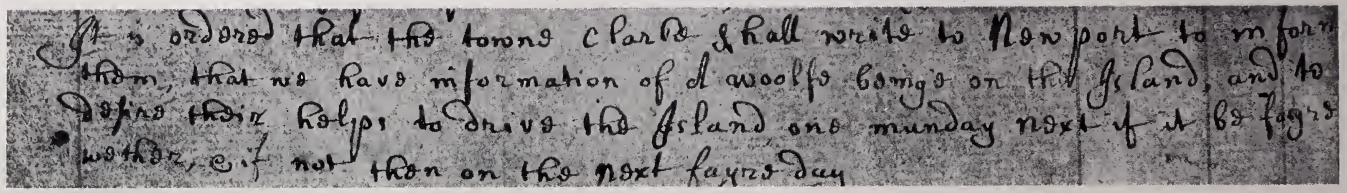

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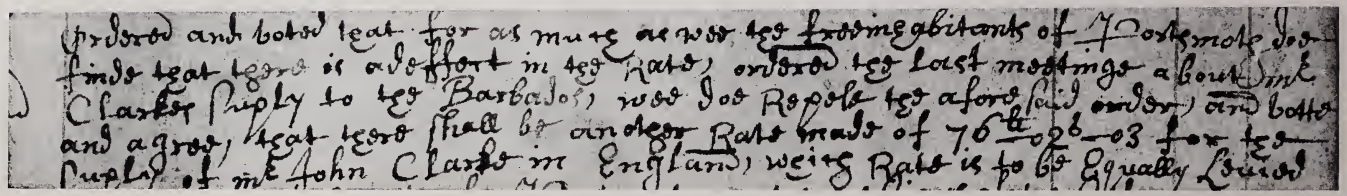

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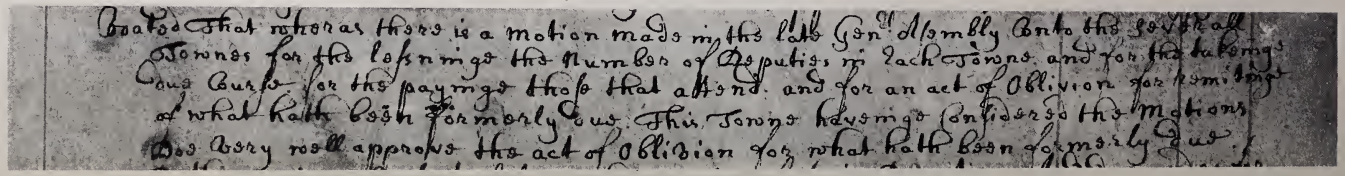

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PREFACE.

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This volume of Portsmouth Records is issued in accordance with a vote of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, passed May 26, 1899, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of indexing, printing, and binding five hundred copies of the early records of the town of Portsmouth, to be done under the direction of the librarian of the Rhode Island Historical Society; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders on the general treasurer for said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, upon the presentation of vouchers approved by the secretary of state."

The movement to preserve in permanent form the earliest records of Portsmouth was started long before the passage of the General Assembly act. Nearly two years before, a request was made of the Portsmouth town council that the oldest book of records should be temporarily surrendered to the Rhode Island Historical Society, in order that an exact copy of the same might be made. On September 13, 1897, upon petition of Amos Perry, this request was granted. Within a few months a copy was made, and on May 26, 1899, the General Assembly recognized the value of the undertaking by authorizing the printing of five hundred copies of the volume.

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This old book of records, in spite of its long period of usefulness, is yet fairly well preserved. Its evident lack of covers during a part of its existence has permitted perhaps two dozen pages at each end of the book to become frayed and torn, some almost to the inner edge. The present substantial binding was put on during the term of Richard Sherman as town clerk. Since that time the volume has been carefully kept, although the age and brittleness of the paper have rendered it liable to constant danger. That a few of the leaves have become torn and lost, even since then, may be seen by comparing the present transcript with that made by John R. Bartlett in editing the *Rhode Island Colonial Records*. Mr. Bartlett, in transcribing a portion of the records from 1639 to 1646, evidently had access in 1856 to a somewhat less mutilated volume than the existing one. A careful comparison, however, will show that the transcript in the *Colonial Records* is not at all to be relied upon for accuracy.

The volume, as it exists to-day, is one of great interest and local historical importance. Although the larger part of the book is taken up with the proceedings of the town council, there are also included hundreds of miscellaneous records—deeds, wills, inventories, powers of attorney, indentures, and ear-marks—all of additional value to the student of history and genealogy. The book was evidently used at the same time for different purposes. The council records begin with the year 1639 at one end of the volume and run until the year 1695, when they are met by miscellaneous records that had in the meantime been begun at the opposite end of the volume. The council's proceedings from 1695 to 1697 are scattered throughout the remainder of the book, wherever a blank space would permit. In one case an

entry for the "13th of the first month, 1697," was made directly after an entry for the year 1642. (See page 19 of this volume.) But the word "1697" having become torn off, the record reads as if it had been entered under 1642. For convenience, therefore, in finding the proceedings of a certain town council, a chronological table of town-meetings is annexed to this preface.

In transcribing the volume, the spelling, capitalization, and punctuation of the original have been rigidly adhered to. When the volume was first transmitted to the Historical Society, it was carefully repaged in red ink; and this pagination, which may now be deemed the original pagination, is indicated in the present text by heavy type within brackets. The dates at the upper corners of the pages are inserted merely for convenience in reference. The signs and abbreviations used mostly explain themselves. Brackets enclosing a blank space are used whenever the text is torn or illegible. The "marks" of persons unable to write, are reproduced as far as practicable in fac-simile. The reproduction of a circle, with the word "seal" inside, does not mean that the seal itself is in the text, but that the town clerk thus indicated what he himself had seen upon the original document that he copied. Certain signs, like ꝑ for the syllable containing the letters *pr* with a vowel, and $\overline{m}$ for *mm*, have been preserved. The reader should constantly remember the facts about double-dating and the change in the calendar. According to the Julian calendar, the year began on March 25. March was the first month and February the last month of the year. But since January was historically, if not legally, the first month of the year, all dates falling between January 1 and March 24, inclusive, were double-dated. February 14, 1675, was written February 14, 1674/75. Upon the introduction of the Gregorian

calendar in 1752, January became legally the first month of the year, and double-dating ceased.

As I write the closing words of this preface, I realize that it has merely fallen to my lot to complete a task so well begun by others. To Hon. Amos Perry, my predecessor in the position of librarian of the Rhode Island Historical Society, is due a large portion of the credit of preserving this volume in its printed form. Through his own energy and enthusiasm he raised a sum sufficient to meet the expenses of the first transcript, and under his able supervision the book was planned and begun. But scarcely had the printing commenced when death intervened and he was called away. During the interval preceding the choice of his successor, the volume was edited under the direction of the members of the library committee—William D. Ely and Henry R. Chace. Soon after my entrance upon the duties of librarian, a great calamity occurred, and the volume, which was confidently expected to appear in the spring of 1900, was delayed for nearly a year. All the signatures as far as page 257, which were stored at the state bindery, were consumed in the Snow & Farnham fire of January, 1900. Fortunately a duplicate set of signatures had been preserved, and after the state had made an appropriation to reprint the thousands of burned documents and reports, the work was begun all over again in May, 1900. Several changes, made possible by the complete reprinting of the volume, were introduced, but the original plan has been generally adhered to.

The labor of transcribing the volume has been entrusted to Katharine H. Austin. Her skill in deciphering ancient records, and her natural carefulness and discernment, have rendered her

exceptionally well qualified for the task. The state is fortunate, indeed, in having been able to obtain the services of one so painstaking and accurate.

Thanks are due to William D. Ely and to Henry R. Chace, for the efficient manner in which they directed the printing of the book just after Mr. Perry's death, and especially to the latter gentleman for his kind offices in originally procuring for us the ancient volume. Acknowledgment should also be made to Edward Field, for many helpful suggestions; to William F. Brayton, the present town clerk of Portsmouth, for his forbearance in allowing the volume out of his custody during the process of reading the proof; to the Portsmouth town council, for their courtesy and interest in the matter; and to E. L. Freeman & Sons, the state printers, for the typographical excellence of the book.

In conclusion, I would call attention to the almost imperative duty of preserving in permanent form the oldest records of our towns. The fading of the ink, the crumbling of the paper, and the ever present danger of fire are inevitable barriers to the extreme longevity of any manuscript volume. Indeed, the loss of public records from this last cause alone, considered in the aggregate throughout the whole country, is little short of appalling. If but one copy of a volume exists, then its life hangs upon a single thread. The only way in which effectually to preserve the volume for present and future generations is to multiply the number of copies, and this the many improvements in the art of printing have enabled us to do at a comparatively low cost. In this state of Rhode Island, the matter is of especial importance. The peculiar structure of government of our colony, in its earliest days, has made the records of the towns the chief, and often the

only source for a study of the history of the colony. Of our four earliest towns, the records of Providence have been published, those of Portsmouth are now in print, and those of Newport are irrevocably lost. The records of Warwick alone remain. The oldest manuscript volume in the possession of that town is less known to the historical student than any other of our earliest town records. While certain portions of it have never as yet been deciphered, the historical importance of the volume is unquestioned. It is certainly the duty of the people of this state to see to it that the contents of this valuable Warwick volume should be preserved in permanent form before it is too late.

CLARENCE S. BRIGHAM,

Librarian R. I. Historical Society.

PROVIDENCE, March 25, 1901.

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Here is written in later]
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We whose names are vnderw
our selues the Loyall subie
King Charles, and in his na
into a Civill body Politicke : a
selues vnto his lawes according
matters of Justice:

Willm Hutchinson.
Samuell Gorton
Samuell Hutchinson
John Wickes
Richarde Maggson.
Thomas Spiser,
~~* William Aspinwall~~
~~* Willm Haule.~~
John Roome, R mark
† John Sloffe I mark
Thomas Beddar ⌒ mark
Erasmus Bullocke
Sampson Shotten

* See Arnold's History of R. I., Vol. I, p. 133, foot-note.
† See R. I. Historical Society's Quarterly, Vol. VI, p. 85.

Ralph Earle

Robert Potter

Nathanyell Potter N mark

George Potter mark

* wm Heauens. W H mark

* George Cleare.

George Lawton

Anthony Paine his mark

Jobe Haukins H mark

Richarde Awards

* John More N his mark

~~Nichol~~as Brownes his mark

William Richardson mark

John Trippe

Thomas Layton T his mark

Robert Stainton his mark

John Brigges his marke

James Davice his mark

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* See R. I. Historical Society's Quarterly, Vol. VI, p. 85.

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According to the true intent of
whose names ar aboue perticularly
joyntly or by the maior Voice, to
Ruler or Judge amongst vs in
for the space & tearme of one
behauing himself according to the t

We have freely made Choice of
to be ruler or Judg Among

We have also for the helpe & ease
publique businesse & affaires for
for one yeare also, Chosen Vnto him
William Balston, John Porter, Jo
William Freeborne, John Wal
Phillipe Shermon, as also w'll
lay out landes as they sh

We haue also made Choice of
amongst Vs for this yeare en

It is appoynted yt theire shalbe
yeare, evry quarter one for
to doe right betwixt man &
Jury of. 12 men, as also it is
the Eight men chosen v
meeting amongst themsel
as also to put an end to any controver
if it amount not to the Vallue of fo
the Judge wth the rest of the eight
it brought to ye pubike court

The quarter courts ar to bee the
next. the second, the first thursd
the first thursday in decembe
day of Election of new officer
in March.
And for the Monthly courts to
in the month.

[**11**] At a Monthly meeting y^{e}
1639
Job Haukins was granted one House
ye west side of the swampe to buld on
be forfitt at ye yeares end
It It is ordered y^{t} the meddowes a
laid out according to ech mans ꝓp *

At a Monthly meeting the last th
It is ordered that no man shall sell his lott or
offer it to ye boddy heare in Portsmouth

repealed ye 18 of 12 m^{o}. 1639 ·

It is ordered y^{t} John Porter & Tho: Spiser
inhabitants of ye laitly purchased meddo
theire monyes for this yeare & bring it

It is agreed vpon y^{t} theire shalbe tend
Joyning w^{t}h him to putt our matters o
2 among themselues, & we tow amo
ende it, to referr it to 4 men of [r]igh
tow, they other tow,

It is ordered that w^{m}. ffreeborne & R
about the corne ffeilds of both sid

* Undoubtedly an abbreviation for "proportion."

man to maintaine his owne ffen
to be maintained by ye whole feilde,
the owners theirof are to pay the d

At a Monthly meet
led ye 12 m^o. It is ordered y^t no man shall g
shall loase his lott heare, ti

At a Mont
To John Alborah wa
Condition of bulding
To John Vane one

[12] ting ye last thursday in ye 8th m^o.

39
one House lott next John Vane vpon ye said tear
y^t wch was George Gardiners grownd in the
ow more next it, vpon ye vew of [S^d] Balston &

in the said North feild to plow/
land at ye Comon seller on ye neck from w^m
tchinsons lott

eeting ye last thursday in 9 M^o.
ted 6 ac of planting ground at his Meddow where

next John Motts vpon ye former condition of bulding

meeting ye 10 m^o. 1639
house lotte next beyond m^r Cowland on y^e
ye former condition of bulding w^thin

tow house lotts of ye east side of the swampe
next ye Coupers vpon Condition of
& selling the 3^d lott bought of Anthony
good behauiour/

ng ye 11 m^o^. 1639
haue bene divers times trobled w^t^h Claimes
ing an equall right w^t^h ye purchasers to
tion, w^c^h is contrary to what is declared
at our entrance into this combination
tuall peace, y^t^ all such Claimes should

haue his lands layed out to him as
vppon ye receite of theire monyes

[13] At a quarter meeting the
ye 5th m^o^. 1639. these th

That evry man that hath a house
shall bulde vpon the same w^t^hin on
he loaseth it

m^r^ Thomas Spicer & Robert Potter ar
chosen Surveyers for ye hie wayes, &
come in, tow, foure, or sixe daies a
this & ye 29 of 7 m^o^. next, & if the nece
as he cannot come or ꝓcure a man, he
day to ye surveyers & the surveyers
ye Court at ye yeares end
It is agreed vpon to Call this towne

To Richard Haukins is granted one ho
one yeare or to be forfitt,
To Thomas Slaid is granted one house lo
upon ye said tearmes
To Tho: Waite one house lott next m^r^
To Edward ffisher one house lott next

At a quarter Meeting ye first Thursd
1639
Nicholas Browne doth dismisse himself of [hi]
the govourment heare/

[14] [&] Meddowes formerly granted

ie way adioyninng to m^r Coddingtons garden
him wth ye littl marsh w^thout ye Comon fenc nex y^e
xt vnto him
next vnto him
next vnto him
next him & one at ye end of his lott on ye neck
t m^r wilbore
en ye salt Crick & his lotte
Cricke
ge (4 Rood left for a hie way to ye spring) Tow acre
him i Ac.
halfe next vnto him
xt vnto him
tow Ac next to him
next to them,
vnto him
halfe next vnto him, beyond ye hieway.
t to him
halfe next to him
eorg Layton & Tho Laiton to ech halfe an ac next him
e of ye ponde
ne Ac next next his house
tton i Ac next to him
i Acr next to him
i Ac next to him
next to him

& [a] halfe next to him
at ye ponds mouth next ye North sea
eddow of ye Norwest side of y^e ~~Hand~~ Towne
end of ye meddow 2 Ac of vpland
nto h[im] 3 Ac of meddow,
ac of Meddow,
t to him
xt to them
xt to them
xt to him
meddow, wth an addition of vpland to
o ye Meddowe
estward beyond ye long Meddow, from ye sea

eddow;

[15] At a meeting the 10th of ye 12 m^o. 163
& further confirmed ye 18 of ye said

It is Mutually agreed by the p
that these quanteties of grow
in these places following.
William Hutchinson ffour Hundreth
North side of ye salt Crick at Sachua East, & bo
on ye west & soe to ronne Northward,
John Sanforde Tow hundreth & ffourtie Acre
William Aspinwall Tow hundreth Acres ab
Sandy poynte of the same side to pay
Philip Shermon Tow Hundreth Acres ab
from the Towne of ye same side
Of the west side
William ffreeborne One hundreth & ffortie Acr
at his little Meddow & soe sowth west,

John Walker one hundreth Acres ne

40

William Balston Tow hundreth Acr
brooke on ye North East end of his Meddow

40

John Porter Tow Hundreth Acres
Edwarde Hutchinson Tow Hundret
& if theire be noe Meddowes wi^thin hi
of Tow Acres he is to haue Tow
Porters Meddow,

30

Richard Carder Thirtie Ac next
It is also ordered y^t the afforsaid
the one halfe of theire lande
regarde of theire first advento
Also it is ordered y^t Robt Potter sha
som losses he had by ye heard
Adam Mote fower scoere and
Brooke next m^r William B
ward

[Page 16 is blank]

[17] The 22 of decem[ber]

It was ordered att a publike mee
that where as there was an ord
pence the acker: should be payd
layd out the land: it is now ord
former order is disanulld: and
foreward to be layd out freely: o
laye out the land shalbe payd in
to there laboure and paines:

it is granted at a publike mettinge
of portsmouth that there is li
for men to gett a shipp lood of
& pipe stauffes & clabboard boults
Juridicktions of the twone of por
that thouse men wch doe proc
shall bringe in the comodities vnt
and that they shall part with
wch the exchange for the stuff
shuch pay as men are able to
or goats or hogges or other ca
they sayd men shall gett noe t
of the sayd towne of portsmout
to goe to gett plankes & crookes

i day of of november 1642

ferey first it is ordered that whosover s
of land wherevppon Tho: Gorton hath
house shall keepe the ferrie

ferey alsoe it is ordered that the t
necke of land where vppon his
vnto him by the towne

the first of December i

It is ordered att a publike mee
m[r] Willm Brenton Dept
with the towne of nuport
of that debtt which the
& to prop[o]use land for th

[18] [D]arlinge & Lamboth woodered
en lyinge beyound good k[ ]rells
fell it the after the falle of

England hath 2 ackers graunted
nto him wch was graunted

man bourden that hee hath liber
ght aboue his hedge

1642

e it was ordered that there
of land granted to the vnder
at is to saye what can be
about the mill with 40
other syde of the great
n Randall Houldinge great
ds att the forther end
more or lesse lyinge be
me and to m^r Huchinsons
:

Vnto george Parker &
ther of them a lott if it
iam England one dwell

to william Chatbourne that
tweene m^r Parker and
and alsoe he hath
him to make vse of

er which was
aunted vnto
er to be satisfied
d
morris mr Samuell
or any 3 of them
& present them

[**19**] For ye corne
hadd of mr malborne
att a towne meetinge the 26 of Aprill
The deptie governor he will lend [in]
one yearelinge steere
mr Portter hee will lend one yearelin
mr Baulston one caulfe
Raphe keared one yearelinge g
Adam mott one yearlinge goat
Richard Borden one yearlinge go
Raphe *Cowland one yearlinge
John Briges one shote
Thomas Gorton one bushell of
William ffreeborne one bushell
mr Cornell one goat

It is ordered & agreed that the fe
feilds ar to be mad vpp by the io

It is ordered that all the hogges
awaye out of the corne lotts by
& for every hogge that is found in

*Apparently "k" was first written instead of "C."

after the i of march to paye
hogge
It is ordered that the land that
the mill it is agreed of that
betweene Rand[le] Houldinge
great lott[s] is graunted vnto
and m^r Samuell welboure:
lesse is graunted vnto the
paying vnto m^r John Portter
of it lyinge beyound the
m^r Hutchinsons land and
height that m^r Hutch

[20]

he first Month 1640
Aqueidneck Iland
day to send euery man that hath
man to make a hedge & ^a gate frõ
s corner to mr Samford's hedge
bee ouerseer of the worke Mr Samford
men or some three of them adioyned
seauerall men in the North feild
for their planting or plowinge
o have two pence an acre fo^r their
oube/

en is assigned 100 Acres on ye North Side
ned —— 050 acres on ye North Side
is assigned — 060 acres on the North Side
ned —— 060 acres on the North Side
assigned — 020 acres on the North Side
is graunted 010 acres of timber
ayers thinke fo^r these./

n that if m^r Hollyman doe not pay
the Mill that he shall bee satisfied by ye bodye
nted. /

Shermon & Richarde Burden are
the Meddow grounds to each man
yond the water.

the 26th of the third Month 1640

is graunted to Ralphe Earle as
the ponde side 3. acres of land
his makeing & maintayninge
the next fence adioyning to the Lotte
in & to bee layed oute as the /
/

this day admitted an Inhabitaunt
raunted vnto him three hundred
egyn at the brooke next beyonde the
towards Sachueast. /

the greene ouer against Leftenant
o his close.

f the 4th Month 1640

unted to him one hundrede
or 200 hundrede acres if it
ers. /
& Henry Townson are
s. /
Spicer shall see that the oute
the Comon charge of the

h day of this 4th Month
south syde the Iland/
de

5th Month 1640

e lott on the hillside
yde
ill syde
ll syde

[21] To Phillip Sherman one house lott on
Sargean Hutchinsonnes/
To mr Wilboare 4 acres at the discretion

The 7th of the 7th Month 1640

It is ordered that theise 4 men with Leftena
Samfoard, Samuell Wilboare & Adam Mott
needfull for the setting forward of the worke &
ment euery man shall send in a man 2 :or. 3
to carrye an end of the worke & what materialls
a supplye of, wth what conuenient speede may b
It is ordered that euery man shall make a con
before his lot betwixt this & the 12th of the next M
Month Suruayers of the hyewaies Liftenant
Mr Wildeboare & Adam Mott
Thomas Gorton is Chosen fferriman & is t
rises of at the discretion of mr Porter Leitenant
ereydge his rates bee 6d a man, & 3d if aboue three at once
goates & Kine 4d & he is to builde wth what conve
the meaentime to hyer when neede is./

Itt is ordered that when the ferrie boate be built
to the Maine land wth anie Canooe, in paine of
Theise i2 men following weare appoynted to [—i—]
Concerninge the death of George Potter.

Thomas Spicer	Williā ffreeborn
Adam Mott	Thomas Hazard[e]
Randall Houlden	Ric: Awards
Richard Burden	Ric: Carder

The 23th of the 7th Month i640 m^r Hailes
& hath a lott graunted hym to be next Rufus
Itt is ordered that he y^t stayeth one owe
the drum shall forfeit to the Treasure
he goe away w^thoute leaue *ii s vi d w^thou
Itt is left to the discretion of the lotters to giue
of his Medowe adioyninge. /

Williā Woodwarde is graunted a howse Lott
Att A publick meeting the 23th of the 7th Mon
m^r Williā Collins was admitted I
graunted him next on the south side
at the discretion of the
Att a Publique meeting the first of the 8
Capt. Richard Morris was Admitted In
graunted him next to John Briggs on the
at the discretion of the
Richard Smythe Admitted Inhabitant o
lott graunted to be laied forth at the d
Att a Monthly Meeting the 4th
Thomas Attkinson late of Plymoth
Marke Mendloue late of the same
Itt is ordered that the lotters that
of landes abroade shall haue
haue the lands soe laied out

*Doubtless intended for 2s. 6d.

th 1657
lered to
by the
t of the
& order
towne.

Itt is ordered that the Deputye m^r
& fifty Acres of land at a place
vppon view thinke it no [way]
that
~~It is ordered m^r Wilboare~~
~~50 Acres next on this side~~
~~lott~~

[22] yonde Phillip Shermons
house lott next beyonde good. Greenill
50 acres next beyonde m^r Spicer
acres next beyonde Richard Awards
side
20 Acres next on this m^r Wilboare
ns 20 acres next on this side Thomas Emings
Nicholas Browne 10 acres next on this side Hawkin
cres on this side Nicholas Browne
on this side John More
Layton to each of them 20 Acres apeece
oodall 10 Acres of lande/
m^r Brenton Deputy shall in liew of his ground
hueast have the Meddowes & land on the North side
e to run frõ the Rayles at the Cartway by a
great watring place to cut through the midest
by a straite lyne to the Coue at Samfords Iland
des to the Treasurye the waterside being free
rding to former order/
Smythe is graunted one howse lott
an is graunted one howse lott
Willson is granted one howse lott
all is granted one howse lott
12 ~~t~~ & the charges about the Mill shall be borne
the Treasurie
Plantiue in an action of the Case against John Phillips
ll Holman declares against John Phillips that he

ilde hym a mill according as he hath declared to the Jury

Thomas Emings / John Briggs

Jno Walker Phillip Sherman

Williã ffreeborne / Richard Borden

Ralphe Cowland Ric: Awards /

fo^r the Plantiffe

lowe to m^r Holliman v ss a weake fo^r his dyett

m^r Holliman since he came to the Mill further he

i2 ss for his man George this is to be paid by 8 ss

es as he hath wrought wth him according to the

& both theise somes of i2 ss p weake & 8 ss ℘ weake

olliman by the aforenamed John

weake. /

fist of the 9th Month i640 /

Phillips shall have i4 workeing daies alowed

he doe not perfectly expect it to grynde sufficient

o Referr hym selfe to the Townes pleasure. /

the third of the 10th Month i640

n Inhabitant & hath a lott graunted hym /

habitant & hath a lott graunted hym /

bitant & hath a lott graunted hym /

Inhabitant & hath a lott graunted hym /

abitant & hath a lott graunted hym /

bitant & hath a lott graunted hym

the 11th Month i640

Towne of Portsmouth / George Pa^rker

th side of John Briggs his Lott, & it is

bee any more howse lotts beyond ytt

nes was Admitted an Inhabitant

south side

all haue some planting land

him

[23] At A meeting the 4th day of the 12th
It is ordered that mr Porter & mr
to lay oute for mr Samuell Hutch
in the South East neck in the Comon
vnto them both Ruphus Barton to haue
mr Samuell Hutchinson to lye next
of seauen Acres in Poe Chasset fei
It is further ordered that mr Samuell W
Iland in consideration of six acres he should ha
Leiftenant Balstons./

Itt is ordered that mr Balston mr Cornell &
a peece of Meddow in the Comon fence on the s
they fence it in at their owne cost./

Itt is further ordered that oulde mr Barton sh
on the [I]land a peece of Meadowe for the takei
& fensing yt from the sea./

Itt is further ordered that Henry Bull sha
North feild & that Goodman Burden shall h
plant on where mr Porter & Leiftenant Ba
Itt is ordered that Leiftenant Baulston
a millwright to builde a Mill whose Charge
Treasury./

The 25th of ffebrvary 1642

At a towne meettinge William Chatbourn
admitted inhabitant of the the towne of p
And James Badcocke is admitted inhabi

At A meeting of the free inhabitants
Portsmouth the 13th of the first month
at the house of William Ccry

voted Joseph Sheffield chosen moderator
voted Daniel Wilcocke } are chosen to
and John Borden }
Inquest at newport.
voted Thomas manchester } are chos
Tobias Brown and } next Jury
Robert Hodgson }
voted This meeting is Dissolved

[24] eetinge of the towne 29th of
1643:

agreed & votted & perpetuated all land that
what soever that the line laid out
and man is equally to bee bourne by
ay the one partie the one halfe
partie the other, and if any shall
againe the Comon then when
es to bee laid out to any man
then that man to bear halfe that
hat lyes in the line betweene them
to this order: that provided that
petchment to that coustome in
fenced in with a generall fence
id fences bee maintained by the
dinge vnto proportion agreed vntill
perticuler:/

the fence to be maintained Equally between man & man.

at william ffreebourne is to haue
meddow lyinge betweene his
and the high way that goes downe
provied that if goodman holy

any holdinge or intrest vnto
n holyman is to satisfie
what charges hee hath
inge and maintainge thereof
Judge provided that when
or a high way vnto the springe

[25] 15th of October 1643

It is ordered at a towne
Richard Morise & James Badcok
vp all the Armes in the Towne
the month aboue writ & that
& John Brigs shal goe to euery
what armes ar defectiue & that th
the men whose the armes is, to
in to be mended by the time abou
if the armes be not brout in timly
to forfit 5^{s}
[ ] Inhabitant*
It is further ordered that euery man
4^{l} of shote lying by them & two poun
& to haue it in a redines by the 24 of
It is further ordered that vpon the 24
ther be a genrall trayning of the
& that euery man be in a redines
beat of the drum.
It is ordered further that the lot lai
to Robert Bellow at the first brook
shal inioy it: he vsing his trade for the
the towne
It is orderd further that 5 acres
laied out to John Porter next round
the swamp downe to the sea on th

* This line is written either with pencil or with very pale ink.

in satisfaction for 10 acers of land
in the land granted to william Wi
Itt is orderd that 10 Acers of land
out to Jams Badcoke at the first bro
foot path estward leuing ten rod next
for a hie way
It is orderd that Thomas fish shal
Acers of land at the first brook lai
Jams Badcokes toward the head
It is orderd that ther shalle noe
laide out next the first brook
It is orderd that Jams Sands
[ ]mainder of the land not gra
highway Round midowe & the end
Guided ther be a hie way lef
John Porter: to the sea
It is further orderd th
euery night & those th
t the watch

[26]

to leuie the goods of the Gtie
satisfaction if they refuse to

t Richard Burding shal at the
fense next John Anthony
into the co[m]on to straiten

28 day of november 1643
20 ackes of land that was
dman Emins is granted vnto
that Thomas Emings shall haue 6 ackes
morris fence & that goodman
land 4 ackers added vnto his great
2 ackers goodman Emins had

ered that william freeborne shall
added vnto his great lott in lew
oodman Emins had of him:

t all theye that want plantinge
be acomodated in the Comon fence
hey make vpp that fence sufficiently
ene m^r Eastons Coue & to the
the north sid and what land
vnto men they shall inioye
ne propriitie

ackers John fford 8 ackers
ackers m^r Almy 8 ackers
ackers m^r Cornell io ackers
ackers John greene[man] 5 ackers
ackers Thomas [J]enings 8 ackers
ckers John Cranson 8 acker
ckers will England 8 ackers
s Richard Haulkins 8 ackers
George Parker [6] ackers

[**27**] Thomas Cooke is receiued inhabitant & hath
ingagment vnto the goverment
ffrancis Braitton is receiued inhabitant
giuen ingagment vnto the goverment
Thomas Jeninge is received inhabitan
giuen ingagment vnto the goverment

Thomas Cooke hath propownded for a lott
ffrancis Braitton hath propownded for a lott

It is ordered that the lott that was granted

goodman holyman is forfetted vnto the towne
by reson there was an order that men sh
build vppon their lotts by such a tyme which
he hath not done & therefore the towne
dispouse of it as the see good provided that
there bee anything about it that
vse full hee is to be satisfied for it:

It is ordered that m^r Baulston & m^r welbo
Chousen by the towne to veiw the fenc
it shall rune and that the see it do
ciently

It is ordered that m^r Portter is Chousen to
nuport men that the would be pleased to c
noe intrest nor tytle in that ioo ackers
that they owe vnto the dept: for the towne
to accomodat him with as much conveniency
f[ ]rme as maye bee

It is ordered that noe cattle sh
Common fence after the be
ber [ ]

[28]

i [ ]f march i643
a generall towne meetinge
way that was to rune betweene
ston & m^r welboure is to bee
m^r welboure & his heires
from the new banke as it is bounded
ided that m^r welboure alow
the watter side for the

landinge of goods: on the
his Hous
~~the new banke new mad vnto~~
~~lay out:~~ and after there be a
thenn the towne dwellers shall pay
a load: [ ] t load
ordered and the towne hath chousen
er m^r welboure & m^r Hutchinson
e accounts of the treasurie:
1136483
ordered that the high waye that went
Brenttons & Richard maxsons is
vnto m^r will^m Brentton & his heires

dered and the towne hath choussen
Samuell
Brentton Dept: and m^r ~~Portter~~
Gorton hath disired goodman
Samuell welboure to Judge
etweene man and man for my
d fencinge Cleeringe and
of grownd: to be valewed
ood and what pay the said
haue and when it shalbe payd
found by them betweene this
march next: and theire arbi
vnder theire hands: & the
willinge to give their tyme untill the
rovided the put an issue betweene their*
w
ton acknoledgeth that the
land that I bought of
20 of Richard Carder
vnto them by the towne
said m^r will^m Brenton

* These lines, writtten in paler ink, are crowded between the neighboring paragraphs.

igne the full intrest
m^r Thomas Bourton

[29] for him to inioye & his heires for

The Town to Nicholas Brown

It is further ordered that wh
ther was land granted to
Browne aboute the towne
otherwise dissposed of, it is
to hime to haue twenty ac
at the head of goodman motts
lotte or there aboute.

It is forder Orderred that
Gorton haue 10 Akers of la
ted vnto hime on the other
the brouck Right agaynst J
badcocks to be layd out the dec
of the lotters in Case goodma
Emines be still vnwilling that
the sayd thomas gorton shaull injo
the 20 Akers that was ffo
his and if Goodman Emings w
haue the ten Akers then thomas
gorton is to haue the 20 A

It is forder Orderred that John
T[rip] have granted thr[e] Akers of l
Joyning vnto Thomas Gorto
Ether syd of him as shaull
Judged mett by the lotters
that is to say of th
which is granted vnto thomas
gorton or to goodman Emanes wh
of them injoys it.

It is forder Ordered that those la
orders about traynings and for
man to haue so much pouder
so manny bulletts and so the same
for waching is to stand still in
and also that Euuery man do Co
med vnto the mettings vpon
first day

The io of Aprill i64
It is ordered & the towne ha
Dept: mr willm Brenton &
to order the dayes of tranings
Judge to be the convenient t

[30]

t mr willm Baulston & Captaine
abroad to every inhabitant in
ee whether every one of them
a powder & what bullets ca[n]
ith in io dayes of the date here
mr willm Baulston & Captaine
abroad to every one of them
notis to be provided every one
defectiue is to forfeit 5s
r ordered that the Constable wach
i5 of this month & that every man
armes with them vnto the meetinge
daye:

her ordered that if there be any Indians
Sculkinge about in any part of the Iland
thought to be suspicious the magistrats
er to send forth a man & ryde with
them before them:/

s metting this 27 of may i644

s Gortten ha[ ] giue liberty
Adbetraters that is to Judg
Howse and lands vntil the 27
next

dered by the towne that there shall
[waye] rune downe one the south sid
n Emins hedge downe vnto Captaine
3 rode wide & vnto John Briges

dered and graunted vnto George
ckers of land lyinge next vnto

that the towne hath
dered 2 ackers of
nto George Parker land

[**31**] It is forther ordered and the towne hath
vnto John Briges 3 ackers of land lyinge
vpper end of his House lotte

John sand hath 3 or 4 ackers graunted vnto hi[ ] lyinge att ye head of John Briges lott or att ye disckretion of the lotters

this order is repeld

the towne desires goodman mott Leeiftenant Samfford and goodman Bourden or any tow of them* to accomodate Adam mott at the vpper end of his fathers lott and Samuell wilson at ye vpper end of his owne

re peled

The towne hath granted Vnto Edward ffisher and Thomas Weight & Thomas Brookes and good man Haukins an adition of land att the vpper end of theire lotts what the lotters seeth Convenient
And John Roome

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*On the right margin, in different ink, is written Lo . . —part of the word torn off. ["Lotts" probably.]

The towne hath graunted Vnto William Hall & Th[ ] Jenings that persell land that lyes betweene m^r [Bour] lott & that wch was Ruffus Bartton to be equall devi[ ] betwene them:/

it is ordered that Henry knowles shall cut his lott corner shortter att ye discretion of Leeiftenant Samfford & goodman Bourden & goodman mott

High way nto ye mill

The towne hath graunted vnto william England [ ] william Havens 4 acckers apeece lyinge [ ] next vnto Henery Knowles provided it doth [ ] ye high way vnto ye mill

[Page 32 is blank.]

[33] Affter publike nottis to all the free men at A towns meetting this 29th: of August 1644
It was ordered that the Deputie Governor and on of the Assistans shall apoint the Towns all meettings./ *

It is firther ordered that at which meettings that the free men there Asembled shall haue full power to transact all such businesses as shall be presantd to them and the sam to stand as fermly as if all wer presante they all hauing lawfull warning and whoom so ever shall not mak his Apeerans w^thin halfe an hower after the time Apointed shall forfitt 2 shillings/.

Cp^t John P Thomas

Emans John Ric Thoma T Th

It is firther ordered that Osemakin with 10 men shall haue leav to kill 10 deare vpon the Iland within the libertie of portchmothe and the fore named dear that they shall bring them to the Town to m^r Breentton and m^r Baulston and they to vew them and neither Osemakine nor any of his men shall Carry any dear or skine of from the Iland but at the town of portchmoth and to departt from of the Iland with in 5 days *

* On the torn margin are several fragments of words less legible than these.

It is firther ordered that mr Baulston haue 9 pound A year for John moatt and Diet and what beding and C shall wante shall by the Tow

Repeald the first second day in June 1649

It is firther ordered that in the town shall depar to liue in the woods witho vpon pain of forfiting o

It is firther ordered th shall hav 35 shillings expenses in[to] the B pownde./

Richard Reedman is Re and gaue ingagme

*

Mr Brenton
Mr portter
Mr Baulston
Mr willbore
Mr Cornell
Richard Borden
Adam moatte
Ralph Cowland
John Roome
John Athony
Thomas Gorton
John walker
william freeboo
Richard Awards
George Parker
John briggs

[34] [ ] sam Towns meeting firther ordered that Mr Brenton [ ]r Baulston Mr Cornell./ is to vew A persell of land buting vpon mr porters round medow and if the aforenamed three men do Aproue of it then Jams sans is to have 10 Acers of land formerly granted to him by the towne. there to be laid out to hime.

At A generall Towns meetting of the free men this 14th of november 1644 It is ordered that Mr Brenton and Mr porter is to Apoint the Towns meettings from tim to tim it is ordered that mr Balston is [ ] tresuerer./

t is firther ordered that william Alimy

* The names on the margin are written with the same ink used for the record of proceedings for "14th of November."

John [Roome] John Anthony is to haue land at
wading Riuer

propounded that m^r portter to haue
ment at the round medow/

pounded by m^r Cornell to haue 12 Ac:
place if it be there to be found

ther ordered that John Anthony shall
from Richard Borden's fence
straite line so fare as his land

ordered that Richard Reeman
ranted vnto him 10 Acres of
fence beyound the medow

ndeth prounded for
beyound william
to be found.

the town meeting
being the 21th

B[ ]ks [ ]eth
it can be found

[35] At a publike Towne metting
off freemen 23 December 1644

w
wi
wil
~~Adam~~
Samue
Tho
Richa
Dan
Tho E
John
Georg
John
his } m
~~willm~~

wheirat the maior pt of fremen was psent at which metting it was muttually Agreed that the Right and privilledges of the land vndisspossed of Remaines in the bodye of freemen as it was muttually agreed at a publike metting 14 November last past that the freemen which are the porchassers have onlye power to

dissposs of the land that is to be disspossed off And whoe euer shall Allter this Agreement we shall pffesse Against them

Adam Raph will [ ]ho [is]

It is ffurther ordered by A mutuall Consent that noe more lands shall be layd out w^t^hin the bounds of the C[ ] as namely the Common fenc soe called and ffrom John Briggs to the first broke one the south-east side soe from the broke to the great swampe. that is to say the mille swamp foot path soe to Robert ballars broke from thenc to the Round- medowe and soe to John Tripps and from Robert ballars to John Halls and all the Common About the towne vndispossed at this [day] soe to Remaineing to the towne fo^r^ euer
It is ordered that the Armes beloung[ ] to the body of fremen shal Remai[ ] in the hands of m^r^ boston and m^r^ willbore Vntill further order be [ ]

[**36**] [ ]t is agreed at a meetinge Nouember the 28th 1646
That the towne shall haue lawfull warninge to towns metings, & then if thay Come not aboue nine, those nine shall haue power to transacte & doe such busines as then is to be done
It is further ordered that the businesse of such metinge dayes shalbe specified in the warant of warninge to the metinge
It is further agreed that noe Person or persons shall be aCounted & inhabitant unlesse hee bee lawfully receiued by the towne aCCordinge to former order:

At a metinge febrewary the fouerth 1646 it is agreed to Con-Curr with newport in an order that ther shalbe noe shootinge of deere for the space of two months and if any shall shoote he shall forfitt 5 pounds halfe to him that sueth & the other halfe to the tresserie: the [ ]sen of this order is that the wolues the more Radely Come to bayte that thay may be Catcht for the generall good of the Iland

At the same meting it is granted to Mr Thomas Cornell a hundered acres of lande to beginne at the further side of wadinge Riuer and so runne from the Riuer towards that lande that was layed out to Edward Hutchesun. Thos Corne Grant of 100 Acres

At the same meting it is granted that Nicolas Browne shall haue twentie acrs added to his other twentie aioyning to it 20 Acres granted to Nich^s Brow

further ordered that ther shalbe way layed out at the hedd of willnes lott from the sea to Nuport

further ordered that that the line l runn straight from the Corner of G[ ]rtens lotte to the Corener of m Englands lot at the hed of thos betwene

[37] Febrewary the 4th 16[46] *

Memorandum that whearas Nicolas Wyle the father inlaw of Abell Potter hath Placed the saide Abell Potter with Mr William Boston for the terme of Eightene yeares with the Concent of the the saied Abell for the better seCuritie of Mr Boston the towne Conseenteth here in and aproueth thereof

It is ordered at the same metinge that Samuell Wilbore Junior: shall runn his fence streight at the uper end of his lots:

It is ordered that the wolfe Catcher shall be payed out of the tresuery & that he that Cilleth a wolfe shall Come to m^r Boston & m^r Sandford for ther pay

It is further ordered that Nuport shall pay ~~thre~~ fower pounds for the Cillinge of a woulfe and Portsmouth twenty shillings

it is ordered that m^r Sandford and Richard bordin shall Continue to lay out such lands as are giuen by the towne

It is ordered that Gorge Parker shalbe quitted of the tresury

* As page 38 of the original record is clearly a continuation of this entry, the date at the head of that page must be a repetition of this which is torn.

pay for his land for his servise in his office to this day (being for 30 acres of land)

It is further ordered that there shalbe noe shootinge of deere from the first of May tell the first of Nouember & if any shall shoot a deere with in that tyme he shall forfit 5 pounds one half to him that sueth and the other to the tresury

[**38**] febrewary the 4th 1646

Mr. Porter & m^r^ Sandford are Chosen to propound to the Generall Cort that the line may be viwed & layed out betwene Nuport and this towne

It is granted that Thomas weight & Edward fisher shall haue 30 acres a pece (of land) twixt the hether hed of wadinge riuer & & Nuport path

June the first: 1647

At a towne metinge it is ordered that the towne Councell shall Capittulate with Thomas Gorton aboute the ferrie & order the rates and all things aboute it either with hime or some other man if he refuse.

The 2i of June i647

It is ordered and agreed by the towne Counsell accordinge vnto ye order of ye towne m^r^ Samfford haueinge taken ye ferrie
es fereyg ye [ ] ordered as thus followeth that is to say if one man 4d if more 3d apeece for ever horse & great beast 8d apeece for every sheepe goate & hogge & Caulfe 2d apeece and alsoe it is ordered that a boat m^r^ Sannfford shall provide for ye ferrie with in 15 dayes after ye date hereof & alsoe in convenient tyme to provide aboat suffitient boat for Cattell & alsoe it is ordered that if any man carry any cattell over ye watter to ye mattatu[uth]es bay over ye ferry they shall pay a peny a head every head soe carryed oor to any [**39**] place that waye:

July the 6th 1647

At a towne metinge it is ordered y^{t} thear shall be a moonthly towne metinge which shalbe upon the last thursday of euery month of which every townsman is to take notice, with out any further warninge

forfit for not cominge to town a metings

it is further ordered that such as Come not to such metinges shall send worde by ther neighbour that thay will stand to what those that meete Conclude of, which if thay doe not thay shall forfeite = 2^{s}–6^{d}

It was Concluded by voate that the president sayed at our town metinge that their sixe men were not then Chosen & Mr Porter is Chosen to write to the President to informe hime of this voate in the name of the towne

It is further voated & Concluded that m^{r} Sandford m^{r} Boston & m^{r} Porter shall giue this answer to Nuport Messingers that if thay will Joyn with us to act acording to the Generall Corte Order for this yeare we are redie thear to, if not we must helpe our selfs by the Cort order

m^{r} luker retorned to vs 24 Votes of ther toune that was to Act Alone

James Rogger retorned to vs 41 Votes from ther toune to act Joyntly

August the 26 —— 1647

at a town metinge it was Voated that the grounds presented were not suffissient for a Generall Asembly to be Called & therfore voated to haue none

2. if it be agreed by the Collynie that ther shall be generall Asembly then it is voated by our towne that it may be at ports-mouth

[40] August the 26 —— 1647

It is ordered that thear shalbe two InCepers Chosen for this towne

en Ralph Erle is Chosen to Ceepe an Inne to sell beer & wine &
ings to intertayn strangers
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m Mr Boston is Chosen to Ceepe an Inne to sell beer & wine &
[ ] to intertayne strangers
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September the 28th = 1647

At a towne metinge it was Concluded that wheareas theare was a parcell of land Conditionly granted to goodman Chatborne it beinge granted to m^r Porter before & he not Consentinge it is Concluded that Thomas Hassarde° Whome m^r Porter hath resignede it, shall [ ]oye it: Porter Chatbourn

It is further Ordered That the layers out shall lay out the hundered acres granted to m^r Thomas Cornell begininge at the the wadinge Riuer and goinge on to Nuporte warde Thos Cornell

November the 25th = 1647

At a towne metinge it was voated and Concluded that the measuer that Came from prouedence shalbe the standart f[or] the present untill further order be taken aboute it

It is further ordered that the penie loafe shall way 8 ounces and the two penie loafe shall way 16 ounces

Janiwari the 27th — 1647

It was Voated and Concluded that our towne shall pay thirty shillings of the charges of greffen about Tue

[41] Thomas Stafford being apoynted by th
to sell bred and beare and acording to a
Court order thomas stafford do aknowledg h
to be indebted to king and parllement the som
ten pound that he shaul kepp good orders
house and Capting Richard morris and John br
do aknowledg them sellus indetted the som of
five pound a peace to king and parll
to for the tru parformenc of the same ther to se

good orders kept wittnes our hand
this 27 of Jenuary 1647
the marcke of ○ thomas Saford
Richard Morris/
John bridgs L marck

Janiwarie the 27th = 1647
It was Voated and by the Voate concluded unanimusly by the townse men of Portsmouth that thay would act apart by themselfs & not Joyntly with Nuport and be as fre in ther transactions as anie of the other townse in the Colinie

At a metinge May the 9th It was voated and by the voate Concluded that the town Clarke should informe the towne Clarke of Nuport what was concluded by the towne concerninge actinge aparte with out nuporte

1648 July the 10th At a towne meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth it was Concluded that George Parker shall haue thre pounds giuen him out of the tresury by Mr Boston in full discharge of all demandes from the towne
It is Concluded by this present metinge that theare shall shalbe a demurr of an answer to the letter sent from Newport to voate the opinion of the legallitie of the Corte & orders therof held at Pro[ ]

[42] July the 10th 1648

Samuell Jenne	Mr Tho Cornell
Cornelius Joanes	Captin morris
Mathu Grenell	Richard Bordin
John Parker	Jeames Badcock
Thomas Bordin	Thomas Brookes
John Cooke	John Roome

Icabod Sheffell
ffrancis Bordin
John Woode

william Hall
John Brigs
Chosen for the Committe for the tryall of the generall officers

theas whose names are aboue written are received fremen of the town of Portsmouth in the Choyce of theare officers and in the government and haue giuen theare ingagement:
Mr Boston is Chosen treasurer for this yeare
Mr Boston is Chosen Collector for the pore
Thomas Brownell is Chosen water baylyefe

It is ordered that Richard Haukens and Phillip Shearman are Chosen to viwe the Cattell that are sould uppon the Iland before thay be transported of the Iland

[]648 September the 4th at a towne metinge it is granted unto thomas Cooke senior to haue thirtie acrs of lande at the heade of his howse lott and to Run towards m^r Burtuns ferrie
it is granted unto thomas Cooke Junior to haue thirtie acres by that
and Geyles Slocum and John cranston thirtye acrs a peice by that
m^r Boston John Roome and william Hall are apoynted to viw and apoynt ffrancis Brayten twelve acrs of land in th swompe at the hed of m^r Bostons farme so that it may not hinder the town Cattell from water

[**43**] 1648

September the 4th it is further ordered that m^r Boston and John Briggs shall viw that parcell of land that Phillip Shearman desiers at his farme
Thomas Cooke Senior is apoynted to fetch away such timber trees as are fallen in our bounds on that side of the Iland by Newport men

It is granted to John briggs to Runn his fence straight at the hed of his land next the towne swompe

December the 28th — — 1648

At a tounse metinge it is granted to Jeames Badcocke to haue 4 acrs added to his howse lott out of Tho fish his lott and it is granted to Tho fish to haue 4 acrs out of the Common southward insteade theareof

It is granted to mr Cornell to haue the grass of the Iland Called diers Iland Dyers I

Janiwary the 25th 1648

It is Voated and Concluded that ould John Mott shall be provided for of meate drinke & lodging & washing by George Parker at his howse and Georg Parker shall haue 5s a weeke payd him monthly out of the tresurie by mr Boston so farr as the tresurie will goe

Thomas ffish hath 4 acrs granted to him at the side of his lott

[44] It is granted to William Woadell to haue 30 acres of lande at the south East end of Thomas Lawtons far lott by the huntinge swampe

It is granted that george lawton shall haue 40 acrs of lande nere his brother Thomas at the huntinge swampe when he haue bult a suffissient Mill at mr Bostons farme

It is granted to william havens and william Hall to haue that land that was hassards leaveinge that to goodman Rome from the marked beech tree which was granted to goodman Rome out out of the sayed parcell provided that the hy way in to ye woods and farmes be nott hindered

It is granted to thomas brookes and thomas Gorton to haue 30

acrs of land apeice aboue the wading River by the round swompe It is granted to Thomas Jeninges to haue 20 acrs of land wheare m^r Almies [ ] penn was beyond George parkers greate lott

It is granted to John Briggs to haue a Rod Broad out of the Common at his house end that he had of John hall as farr as his orchard

[**45**] ffebrewarie the 22th = 1648
At a towns metinge that land that lyeth at the hedd of Phillip shermans farme betwene Newport path and his farme is giuen to Phillip Shearman to goe as the line goe betwene m^r Almie and Phillip Shearman till he Come to Newport Path lea[v]inge twoo Rodd betwene the sayd path ad the sayd parcell of land now giuen
It is ConCluded by Voat that the towne shall pay the Constabl John Brigs for the yrons for the stockes

May the 15th 1649
At a towne meetinge m^r Balstone gave in his aCo[m]pt of tresurership from the 12th of march 1643 to this.4th of may 1649 which acompt was accepted and theare rest due to m^r Balstone :

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[**46**] At a towne metinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth the first second day in June (1649) Adam mott haveinge offered a Cowe for ever and 5 bushels of Corne by the yeare so longe as the ould man shall live, towards his mayntenance that so he might be dischardged from any further Chardge: the towne every man that was free therto; settinge downe what Corne thay would give for this present yeare made up that 5 bushels 40 bushels and so it was Concluded that m^r William Balston should have the 40 bushels of Corne, and the use of the aforenamed

Cowe this present yeare for which m^r Balstone undertake to keep ould father mott this present yeare and alowe him house rome dyate lodging and washinge

Mr Balston received the Cowe above named the 13th of June

At a meetinge of the Councell of the towne of Portsmou^th the 16th of July (1649)
It is ordered that the Plantife shall file his declaration in the town Clarkes office within two dayes after the deffendants bond be returnd into the saide office

It is ordered that the deffend: shall put in his ansswer in to the said office: 5 dayes before the Court to which it belonge

Towne Clerkes ffees

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writ & action	— i —	6	the jury alowed	—0 —	12 — 0
filing the bond for aperance	— 0 —	6	for every action thay bring in a verdict upon		
filing the anser	— 0 —	6	Sargiants ffees		
filing the declar	— 0 —	6	for Serving a writt		s
for a Copie of a dec:	i —	0			02 — 0
Copie of the ans:	— 1 —	0	Serving a writt off execution	— 5 —	0
entering the Verdict	— i —	0			
		d			
Judgment [and isshu]	— i —	6	atending the Jury	— i —	0

[47] At a towns metinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth the first second day in June Anno=1649) acordinge to the particler Charter granted unto them for Choosinge theare towne officers

ffirst it was Voated and Concluded that he that is Chosen to the office of a towne magistrate and shall refuse the place shall pay a fine of five pounds and he that is Chosen to an inferiour office

and refuse shall pay a fine of fiftie shillings and he that hath
next unto him that refuseth
most voats shall supply the place of him that refuseth

mr William Balstone is Chosen towne magistrate for this next yeare insewinge=Elected and Ingaged
mr John Porter is Chosen towne magistrate for this next yeare insewinge=Elected and Ingaged

The forme of the ingagement agreed uppon for the towne officers viz you A: B: beinge Called and Chosen by the fre voate of the inhabitants of Portsmouth unto the office of a towne
in his magesties mame and
magistrate ^ doe in this present assemblie ingage youer selfe faithfully to execute the offi[ ] of a Justice of the peace in the due execution of Justice in this towne accordinge to the Lawes estableshed unto us by our: Picler: Charter accordinge to the best of youer unders[ ]dinge

in his magesties name
The towne reciprocally ingage themselfes to maintain[ ] you
youer
~~them~~ in the Just execution of ~~their~~ office accordinge to the best of theire understandinge

Phillip Shearman is Chosen Towne Clerke for this next yeare insewinge
Raph Erle is Chosen Treasurer for this next yeare insewinge & also over seer for the Poore
Raph Cowland is Chosen Constable for this next yeare insewinge Elected & ingaged
Thomas Gorton is Chosen towne Sargiant Elected & in[ ]
ge[ ]
It is Voated and Concluded that Thomas Gorton shall also supply the office of a Water Bayly Elected & ingaged

[48] mr Thomas Cornell, Richard Bordin, Phillip Shearman } are Chosen to make up the towne Counsell

It is ordered that the towne Counsell shall apoynt the towne Courts wheither monthly or quarterly
John Briggs is authorized to keepe and ordinary to sell beere and wine and to intertaine strangers
It is ordered that the Towne Clark shall grant such writts as Concerne actions to be tryed at towne Courts
It is ordered that the towne Counsell shall order all the feese that Concerne officers for the towne Court
John Albro and Thomas Brookes are Chosen to Veiw the Cattell that are Carried of the Iland
John Albro is Chosen to be Clerke of the Waights & measuers

At a towne meetinge of Portsmouth Octo the: 16 i649 m John Sanford is Chosen to lay out a small screed of land unto Phillip Shearman on the south side of his farme at the nyer Corner so as may be least preiudiciall unto m Almie

Grande Jurie men for the Generall Court next in suinge

M Richard Smith Richard Bordin William ffreborne	Pettii Jurii men	John Rome William Havens John Tripe

At A Townes metinge November the 2ith (i649) Jury men Chosen for present Cort apoynted to be to morrow the same Jury is apoynted for next tuesday Court

Richard Morris John Brigs ~~John Albro~~ ffrancis Brayton Jeames BadCock John Roome	Thomas Layton Thomas Stafford John Anthonie Richard Haukens Samuell Wilbore ffrancis Matingly Thomas ffish	John Albro is Chosen Sarjant in Thomas Gortons Place

[49] It is ordered that those that ocation a me[ ] to be Caled for Choosinge of Jurymen for a Co[ ] of tryals shall pay the Charges for warninge of the Towne meetinge & allso for warning of the Jury six shillings is alowed for Boath:
John Roome William Hall and William Havens are apoynted to Veiw the prisson & remove it if thay thinke it fitt to be done and place it sum wheare upon the greene wheare thay thinke fitt and and build a Chimny in it

At a towne Meetinge Aprill the 29: 1650
Richard Smith Senior
Thomas Cornell Senior
William Almy are Chosen for Jurymen for the Generall Courte at Newport in May next
ffor the Committe for the Generall Assemblie at Newport in may next

Richard Smith Senior .	William ffreborne
Thomas Cornell Senior .	John Roome
william Almy .	Ralph Earle

Richard Bulgar is received an inhabitant in to this towne

It is ordered that the Seale for the waights and measuers of this towne shalbe P and M:

John Lightfoote is released of his Recognesance none Comeing in against him

John Albro being Clarke of the waights and measuers is authorizid to Call in the townes men betwene this and the last of June next to bringe in theare waights and measuers to be Sealed & Cut. if not. fit with the Standart and he shall haue 6^{d} for Cutting & Sealinge a measuer and 2^{d} for Sealing if not Cut and he that shall sell by a measuer or waight on Sealed after the Sarjant warns the[ ] to bringe them in shall forfeit 10^{s} to the [ ]
the Sarjant shall destrai[ ]

[50] Aprill the 29th 1650

It is granted unto mr Will Almy to haue that land that lyeth at the hed of his farme to Come to the Same height that Phillip Shearman his land now runeth viz to leaue too Rod betweene Newport path and the Sayed land

Gregorie Coale hath 2 acrs of land granted to him next the land he liveth upon

henery Eues hath an acr of land granted to him next Gregorie Coale

At a towne meetinge of the Inhabitants of the towne of Portsmouth the first Second day of June Anno (1650 according to ther particular Charter for thear Choosing of thear towne officers

Mr Will Baulston is Chosen towne Magistrate for this yeare insuinge

M John Sanford is Chosen towne Magistrate for this yeare insuinge & ingaged

Philip Shearman is Chosen Towne Clarke for this year ensewinge & Ingaged

Mr William Baulston is Chosen treasurer for the towne for this yeare insuinge & Ingaged and also over Seer for the poore

John Briggs is Chosen Constable for this yeare insuinge Ingagd

Georg Parker is Chosen Towne Sarjant for this year insuing & Ingaged

John Briggs is authorized to repaier the Stocks Sufficiently that thay may bee an Ensigne of Justice amongst us

it is ordered that this day fortnight shalbe the Coise of the militari officers

Richard Bulgar is admitted a freeman of this towne

John Albro is Chosen Clarke of the waights and measuers and Ingaged

John albro and ffrancis mattingly are Chosen to Veiwe the Cattell that are to be transported of the Ilande according to the order

George Parker is Chosen Water Bayleife
The Waights that John trippe presented to the towne are by the towne apoynted to be the Standart for the waights for the Towne

[**51**] The ffirst Second day of June (i650)

m^{r} Will Baulston .	Chosen for the
m^{r} John Sanford .	Towne Councel
m^{r} John Porter .	
Tho Cornell Seni .	
John Roome	
Philip Shearman .	

It is ordered that ould John mott shalbee Provided for by the overseer of the poore

It is ordered that such monyes as are due to the tresurie shalbe demaunded by the treasurer of our towne and upon refusall to pay the tresurer shall send out his warant to destraine it

At a towne meeting July the 8th (i650

It is ordered that he that is Chosen for a Jury man to any Town Cort of this Towne and haue lawfull warning therto and performe not that servise he shall forfeit 5 shillings for every default which shalbe taken by destraint by the hed officer of the towne & if the hed offi[ ] of the towne neglect to take it he shall forfeit the same sum to the towne

Jurymen Chosen for to attend the towne Corte to be houlden upon the 16 day of July being of this present month

will Almy .	Richd Haukens .	John Albro.
Edward ffisher	John Tripe .	Tho Lawton
Samuell wilbur	Sam. Jene .	Tho Stafford
John Antony	Tho waight .	Henry knowles

[**52**] At the towne Court houlden at Portsmouth the 16th of July (i650 in the action of slander depending between m^{r} John

Sanford Pl & Captin Richard moris deffendant, Captaine Richard moris Came in to the Court aboue sayed and acknowleded that he had not nor Could not Charge m^r John Sanford to bee a theif in any Pticuler, and further sayd that if any words passed from him, at Which Jeames Badcock tooke offence the Said Captaine professed he knew not that he did speake any such words nether would he deny that he did but said if he did speake any such words it was in a passion and desiered m^r Sanford to passe it by, upon which profession and acknowledgment m^r John Sanford declared him selfe in the Court publikly, that he was satisfied: wittness Philip Shearman Town Clerke

At a towne meeting November the 12th (1650.

It was agreed by Voate that too men shalbe Chosen out of this present meeting to speake with the rest of the Inhabitants of this towne of Portsmouth who are not present and receive there Voates concerning the lawes presented to the towne in case thay dislike any and the sayed too that are Chosen shall return the sayed Voates in to the office forth with

It is Voated & granted that Ralph Erls house wherein he now dwelleth bee Recorded & Inn in the Roome of the former Voat that he was made Innkeeper

William hall and William Woadell are Chosen to gather up the Voates of the Inhabitants Concerning the lawes and that thay shalbee payed for ther payenes

ffebrewary the 19th (1650)

it is ordered that all generall fences about the towne shalbe sufficiently made up by the 20th day of march next and he that shall haue any fence that is not sufficiently made up by the tyme afore named shall forfeit 5 shillings a Rode John brigs survayer for his side feild Jeames sandes for his feild and Edward ffisher survayer for the Comon feild in which hes land lieth

[53] At a Towne meetinge Febrewary the 19th [ ]

a Rate of 50l. It was agreed that a rate of fiftie pounds shall forth[ ] be made for the payment of mr Williams and the [ ] fraying the Charge of mr Chapman & other things th[ ] the towne are in debted,

This Rate is ordered to be levied upon Catell
Richard Bulgar is Chosen and also Jeames badcocke to take the number of the Catell that are in this towne and then to giue notice to mr Sanford mr Balston John briggs & John Rome who are Chosen with them to make and proportion the aforesayed rate and Richard Bulgar & Jeames badcock are apoynted to gather up the aforesayed rate and bringe it in to the tresury of the towne

It is ordered that the first tuesday in march next thear shalbe a Court houlden for the towne of portsm[ ]

It is ordered that those that haue licence to sell victuals beere wine or liquors shall returne the[ ] lisence into the courte

It is ordered that the courte shall authorize them that sh[ ] lisence to sell wine victuals and beere and that none els shall sell but those that the court shall lisen[ ]

At a towne Court march the 4th It is ordered that the Clarke shall Rite the lisences of selling beere victuals and wine and that the ffee for writing such a lisence shalbe 12d for Taking bond 12d mr William Balston bein lisensed to sell Wine bere & victuals, doe acknowled him selfe acording to the tenor of the law to be bound in the some of tenn shillings, to keepe good orders in his howse, and mr John Porter and Richard Bordin according to the tenor of the law stand bound for mr bostons keeping good orders, in his howse: in the sum of 10 shillings apeece for every defect: taken in Court P me

Philip Shearman Towne Cler[ ]

[54] March the 4th (1650)

John Anthony being licensed to sell breade & beere doe acknowledg him selfe acording to the Courte order to be bound in the summ of 10s (for every defect) to keepe good orders in his howse, Samuell Wilbore and John Briggs doe acknowledg them selfs according to the tenor of the Court order to bee bound in the some of 10s a peice (for everie defect) that John anthony shall keepe good order in his house

Taken in Courte p me Philip Shearman Towne Clarke

Lycence.

Thomas Stafford being licensed to sell breade & beare doe acknowledg him selfe according to the Courte order to be bound in the sum of 10s (for every defect) to keepe good orders in his howse, Samuel willson & Thomas ffish doe acknowledg them selfs according to the tenor of the Law to be bounde in the some of 10s a peice (for every defect) that Tho: Stafford shall keepe good orders in his howse

Taken in Courte P me Phillip Shearman Towne Clerke

At a towne meetinge the 16th of May 1651

mr John Porter mr William Balston mr John Sanford Captaine Richard moris Thomas Layton Jeames weeden are Chosen for a Commite for the Generall Corte next in suinge

William frebor[n]e Thomas Brookes John Anthony are Chosen for Jury men

It is ordered that Phillip Shearman Shall haue 5l pounds for his 5 years Service of Clarke ship

it is ordered that the 15s that is due to Philp Shearmā from the Towne for writing out the Gen: Corte orders for the towne viz: warick Cort orders and nuport Corte orders: is set of for the screede of land layed oute to philip Shearman at the heade of His farme

It is ordered that a distress shall be sent out upon there goods (that refuse to pay that which thay are Rated

[**55**] At a towne meetinge June the 3d (i65i)
Mr John Sanford is Chosen Hed magistr[ ] for this towne of Portsmouth for this yeare insuinge:
Mr William Balstone is Chosen towne magistrate for this yeare insuinge:
Ralph Earle is Chosen towne tresurer for this yeare insuinge:
Philip Shearman is Chosen towne Clerke for this yeare insuinge
John Briggs is Chosen Constable for this yeare insuinge:
George Parker is Chosen towne Sarjant for this yeare insuinge
It is Voated that the towne tresurer shalbe overseer for the Poore for this yeare
George Parker is Chosen water Bayleife for this yeare insuinge:
John Tripe is Chosen Clerke of the wayghts and measuers
It is ordered that the two peny white loafe shall way i6 ounces and that those that sell beere shall not sell less than a quarte for two pence
William ffreeborne is Chosen to veiwe the Cattell that are transported of the Iland Neere the Mell and John Trippe is Chosen to veiwe the Cattel that are transported of the Iland neere his howse
Mr John Sanford and ffrancis Brayten are Chosen to veiwe the Cattell that are transported of the Iland at the fferry

[**56**] At a towne meetinge June the 3d (i65i)
It is ordered that the Clarke of the measuers shall goe once a month to those places in this towne wher breade and beere are soulde, to see that the to peny white loafe way i6 ownces and beere bee sould for two pence a quarte and those that transgress the lawe in those Cases by selling bread that is not wayt and beere Contrary to order shal forfeit 10s for every defect which shall bee taken by destraynt by the Sarjant by a warrant from the heade officer of the towne

It is ordered that the G Recorder Shall giue the ingagement

to the towne officers at this time in the absence of the Generall officer in the towne

It is ordered that the foote way through John brigs yarde is dissanuld and ordered to be at the end of John Brigs his Barne where the sayd John is to make a Convenient Style

At a Towne meetinge June the 13th (i65i)

It is voated and Concluded that mr Williams shalbe payed out of this rate that is gathered

It is ordered that the towne shall Choose one man (With mr Williams man) to set the prise of the goodes taken upon the rate at which pise mr Williams agree to take them,

mr Williams hath made Choyse of mr Will Almy for his man to prise the goodes aforesayed

The Towne hath made Choyse of mr Samuel Hutchinson to be their man to prise the goodes aforesayed

It is voated that the Sarjant shall demande one peny of every man he warne to a towne meetinge which peny shalbe his satisfactio[ ] for warning that meetinge.

[57] At a towne meetinge June the i3th (i65i) the towne by houlding up their hands in the meeting did acknowledg them selfes indebted unto these men undernamed the sum undernamed to be payed forthwith by the towne to the undernamed

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mr John Sanford	2 — 0 — 0
mr Samuel	2 — 0 — 0
Thomas Layton	2 — 0 — 0
Philip Shearman	i — 0 — 0
William Woadell	2 — 4 — 8

It is ordered that next Secōd day by 8 of the Clock in the morning there shalbe a towne meeting And that then all those to whome the towne are indebted shall bringe in theire bills in to the meeting that the towne may Concider of them and take order for the payment of such debts as are due debts

At a towne meetinge June the i6 (i65i) it was Voated that Thomas waight and Edward fisher shalbe satisfied for the 5 fox heads thay brou[ ] in before the order was Nulified the order now to be of no longer force:

m^r Bostons bils of acount presented this day were accepted and there rest due to the tresurer

	l	s	d
m^r Balstone from the towne of Portsmoth—	16 —	12 —	1.

it is ordered that m^r Chapmans Bond shalbe keept by m^r Balstone untill the towne take further order about it: Bills of the townes debts

	l		d
Georg Parkers bill acsepted	— 1 —	i8 —	6 —
John Albro his bill acsepted	— 00 —	08 —	00
The towne acsept m^r Parkers bill of 3^l he undertaking to aquitt the towne of any further demaunds from earle Concearning the charge of that Comitte	— 03 —	00 —	00 —

It is Voated that m^r Porter's further demands of monyes put in to the tresurie is demurred untill a Convenient tyme then to be atended unto

Richard Peirs his bill accepted	— 00 —	i5 —	00 —
Jeames badcock his bill accepted	— 00 —	i0 —	04 —
Ralph Earls bill is not accepted 0000:			
			d
Philip Shearman's bill is acsepted	— 02 —	15 —	i[ ]
adam mots senior his bill for his Jorney to providence accepted	00 —	16 —	[ ]
	09 —	0[	]

[58] June the i6 (i65i)

At a townes meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth.

Rate It is ordered that a Rate of 30^l shall be levied of the inhabitants of this towne to pay the debts of this towne

this rate is ordered to be levied upon all Cattell from the greatest to least sucking pigs exsepted wch Cattell are to be estimated by the raters according to the worth of them as thay passe amongst

us and such as haue litl Catl and great estates the raters shall rate them according to their estates
this Rate is to bee made within foreteme dayes and it is ordered that the Constable shalbe the Colecter of this rate and if any refuse to pay the Constabl is hereby authorized by Vertu of a warrant from the Hed officer of the towne to destrayne the sayed rate of those that refuse and the sayd Constabl is here by ordered to pay such debts as the towne hath acknowledged in this meting) upon demand when it is come in to his hands)

Robert Denis is received inhabitant amongst us and hath giuen his ingagement

Richard Sissun is received inhabitant amongst us and hath giuen his ingagement

mr Thomas Cornell John Albro Will Hall and Philip Shearman are Chosen to make the Rate aboue named, or the major parte of those 4
the Sarjant is ordered to warne all the Inhabitants of this towne to giue in the number of all there Cattell exsept sucking pigs to the raters within a weeke and such as giue not in their number of Cattell to the sarjant nor send it not in to the raters within a week after the date here of the raters are authorizid to rate them according to what their estate or cattell is estemed to bee by the raters:
it is ordered that the tresurer shall demand such monyes as are due to the tresury and in Cace any refuse to pay upon the tresurers Complaint the towne magistrates shall giue out ther warant to destraine it
it is ordered that mr Balston shall first be payed out of those monyes that Come in

[**59**] Portsmouth. this 25. of August: (1651)
It is agreed and confirmed by this present writing betwixt Ralph [ ] Senior & John trip: both of this towne: that ffirst Con-

cerning a ff[ ] of Sixty Rod long on the north side of John trips house Lott betwix[ ] it & the sayd Earls lots the aforesayed Earl shall make fforty Rod of stone wall. and the sayd Trip shall make Twenty rod. of wall. all of the sixty rod to be as good & answerabl to such as the sayed. Jo. Tri[ ] hath allredy made. & to be sett in ye line betwixt the sayd lotts afores[ ] and the said Jo. trip to doe his part of the sayed wall at the East end together. and the sayed ffence thay both engage to ffinish by the ffifteenth day of march next ensuing & if either of them haue ocasion for stones out of the others Ground he shall alow the other as many (for the sayd wall meaning) out of his gro[ ] as convenient if they be so to be had. Secondly it is agreed that wher as the sayd Earl hath Land on the south Sid (also) of the sayd Trip [ ] said Lot adjoyneing, they agree & hereby Engage. that from yeare to yeare so longe as those sayd lots ly open together Earls to Tripps aforenamed. that they will not on either of those sd lotts damnify each other by Cattell there put by their order &c: & therfore agree that, thay will neither of them haue any one or more Catl on the said land, from the ffirst of march untill the 15th of october, and also at the sayd 15th of october. to put in catl Pportionabl to each Pties quantitie of land. & the Pportion to bee one cow or ox. &c: to an acre of land. or of other beasts as swine Horses &c: Equiuolent according as thay ar[ ] Pportioned for feeding, acordinge to the Custome of the towne. & further s[ ] longe as the said land lyeth open as aforesayed together, the sayed Earl shall Pmitt and giue the sayd Tripp ffree leaue for his own ocations on the sayd lande, to come & goe, or driue in or out Catl or Cart at the sayd Earls gate or way that he sayd Earl shall make on the sayd Earls land: & further the sayd Earl hereby giues the sayd Trip leaue to take of the loose stones on the sayd Earls sayed land of the nearest to trips house to make about eight Rod of such aforesayed wall. on the south side of the sayd trips house or yard next the sayed Earls lande, further thay agree that the sayed Trip shall haue noe Pvilidg in

the forsayed gate or way longer then untill the sayd Earl makes a fence in the line betwixt his & y^t sayed Trips lott aforesayed on the south side of the sayed lott, which fence beinge made by the sayed Earle in the whole sayed lyne y^ts yet to doe. will secuer the sayed Trip & make their sayed landes severall to each of their Pvate uses. & the sayed fence to bee sett up when the sayd Earl see Cause, & not els but haueing sett it up, he y^t sayd Earle is to maintaine it sufficient &c: to the true Pformance of all the foresayed Pticulers the Pties. namely the sayd Earl & Trip doe each of them for themselves, heiers[ ]: engage each Ptie to Pforme their forsayed Engagement, in the some & on the forfeit of twenty pound sterling payed by the Ptie defectiue, unto the other Ptie ingaged herein, and in wittnes of this their agreement, the Pties aforesayd haue hereto sett their hands & Seales the day and yeare first aboue written memorandum: before the Sealing of this writing the sayd Earl giues or alows the said Trip twenty shillings, and the sayd Trip therfore releassets the loose stones aboue sayd. which he was to haue had for eight Rod of wall

Signed & Sealed in the Psents of	Thomas newton	Ralph Earle
	Benedict Arnold	John Trip

A true Copii of the originall P me Philip Shearman
ReCorder

[**60**] A true Copy of the Original Deed* of the purchase of Rhode Island &c

The 24th of the first month called March in the year so commonly called 1637~

Memorandum

That WE Cononicus & Miantonomy the Chief Sachems of the Naragansetts, By virtue of YE Gentlemen Com^m and of this

*See R. I. Colonial Records, Vol. I., page 45, for better reading of this deed.

Bay, as also the particulars subjecting of the dead Sachems of Aquidnic and Kittackquamuckquiet themselves and lands unto us, have sold unto Mr. William Coddington and his friends united unto him, The Great Island of Aquidneck lying from hence Eastward in this Bay as also the marsh and grass upon Quononogut and the rest of the Islands in the Bay, Excepting Chibachuesta formerly sold unto Mr. Winthrop now Governor of the Massachusetts and Mr. Williams of Providence as also the grass upon the Rivers & coves about Kittackquamuckopette and from thence to Pumposquatick for the full payment of forty fathom of white beads to be equally divided by us, In witness whereof WE have subscribed.

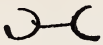
Item, That giving by Miantinomys hands ten Coats and twenty Hoes to the Inhabitants, they shall remove themselves off the Island before next Winter

In the presence of us

The mark of Yotach

Rogger Williams

Randall Holden

The mark  of Assotomuit

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A true Copy of a Copy of the Original deed of the purchase of Rhode Island from the Narragansetts Sachems

and recorded by me this 20th day of April, 185[ ]

Richd. Sherman Town Clerk

[**61**] At a townes meetinge the 19th of Januwary (1651)
It is ordered that Henery eves shall haue two acres of lande adjoyninge to thomas ffish his land in lue of that lande that was given to the saide Henery: by the towne formerly:

At this present meetinge the Towne hath giuen 6 acres of land to John Albro in the swampe belowe William Bakars fence in lue of what the Towne oweth the saide John

It is ordered that William Redfin shall Haue 10l alowed him from the towne for to looke to John mott & giueing him meat & drinke & lodging and washing and for Cloathes for this present yeare untill the first munday in June next Insuing
Lake is received an Inhabitant
Ralph Earle Senior William ffreborne Philip Shearmā and John Briggs are Chosen to Proportion everie mans Some (in the towne) what thay Shall Paye to make up the Some aboue sayed for the use abouesayed

At a Towne Meetinge January the 26th (1651)
It is agreed that Philip Shearman shalbe Continued Recorder
It is agreed that Edward Andros shall runn 4 Rodd wider at the uper end of his lott next Clement weaver

At a Towne meetinge Febreuary the 2d (1651)

It is Consented unto by the Inhabitants of Portsmouth that those men that are the desposers of lande in the sayd Towne viz: mr Will: Balston mr John Porter mr John Sanford Will: freborne: Philip shearman: Adam mott. Tho: Hazard: John Roome: George Parker: Richard Burden: Thomas Waite: John Briggs Ralph Cowland: John Anthonie: Captin moris: shall acomidate the inhabitants of the sayd towne (with land) which want or haue had a legall grant of land formerly, and that 200 acrs of land shalbe set aPt by thee sayd desposers for the acomidating any desierabl Ptie or Pties that may be inhabitants

amongst us heer after, and that then all the remainder of lande unaPPated shalbe bounded Common to the Inhabitants of this towne and their heiers for ever,: and not to bee dissposed of wthout the consent of all the Inhabitants of the sayd towne
It is also agreed by the aforesayed desposers and by this writinge Confirmed that all the Pcels of lande formerly layed out to Pticuler Psons shall stand good to the Psons to whom thay are layd out and to their heiers for ever

[**62**] It is further ordered that the Psent inhabitants of this towne of Portsmoth that want land or haue hadd a legall grant of land and haue not hadd it, shalbe acomidated by the first of may next Insuinge
mr Jo: Porter and mr John Sanford are Chosen to treate with Nuport and to Psent the busines about the Line between Nuport & ower towne of Portsmoth and to doe it by the first of March next Insuinge.
William Shearman is admitted an Inhabitant amongst us with this Pviso Consented unto by him, not to expect any lande to be giuen him by the desposers of land.

At a Towne meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth in June 9th 52:
Richard Burdin & ralph Couland are Chosen overseers & colectors for the pore
it is agreed to giue william Redfin, 11l and the 5 bushels of corne & the use of the Cowe this yeare for to keepe ould Jo: mott this yeare insuing
it is further agreed that there shalbe a stone house built for the more Comfortabl beinge of ould John mott in the winter for the effectinge there of the townes men doe here promise that upon the Call of the overseers aforesayed, thay will Come in and helpe forward the worke

[63] At a Towne meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmoth in Road Iland Aprill the first (i653)

It is ordered that the present overseers for the poore are authorizid to gather that which is behinde of the last rate and to destraine the goods of any that doe refuse to pay

the ffree Inhabitants of this towne in this Psent metinge did declare by the usuall signe of houlding up their hands that thay owne m^r Sanford m^r Balstone and m^r John porter Conservators of the peace in this towne untill nue be chosen

It is agreed that the generall Court of election at the usuall time bee heeld at Nuport the first tuesday after thee fifteen of may next

It is ordered that the military officers that were last Chosen shall stand till nue be chosen

It is ordered that m^r Sanford m^r Boston m^r porter Captin moris lieftenant albro Ensigne wilbur and Philip Shearman or any fower of them Consenting shall Consult and determine all matters for defence or offence. | Goodman Sissun[ ]:

~~Edward ffisher~~ is Chosen Constabl for this towne and John Roome also is Chosen Constabl for this towne untill nue be Chosen and ingaged

It is ordered that Richard Bordin and m^r Cowland are Chosen to gather up what is behind ~~of~~ unpayde of^all former rates exsept the last and are authorizid to destraine upon the goods of those that refuse

~~It is ordered that the order Concerninge watchinge is to bee Continued and observed till further order be taken about it:~~

[64] At a Towne meetinge the first seconde day in June (i653 m^r Balston is Chosen magistrate for the Towne of Portsmoth for this yeare insuinge

John Roome is Chosen magistrate for the Towne of Portsmouth for this yeare insuinge & ingaged

Philip Shearman is Chosen Towne Clarke for this yeare insuinge
Samuel Willson is Chosen Constall for this yeare insuinge & Ingaged
William Wodell is Chosen Constabl for the South side of the Iland within the boundes of this towne of Portsmouth for this yeare & Ingaged
William ffreeborne is Chosen Constabl for mill end for this yeare and ingaged
George Parker is Chosen Towne Sargiant for this yeare Ingaged

Jeames Weeden
Edward ffisher
Jeames Badcock

Chosen Jurymen for the next Generall Court

Thomas Brownell: Jeames Sands
John Tripp: John Antonij; Thomas layton
John briggs are Chosen Jurymen for the next quarter Court

by the distinct places of the thre Constabl is not intended to restraine any of the thre in any P^t of the bounds of the towne from executing there office if need requier or Called therto

a Rate of 12^l

It is ordered that a rate of twelve pounds be made for the satisfiing georg parker six pound upon his takeing ould mot to keepe this year for the first payment and to Cloath ould mott

fower men are Chosen to make this rate viz: Thomas Layton will: Wodell Philip Shearman ffrancis Braiten

It is ordered that the thre Constabls shall gather this Rate and also that which is behinde of the other rates.

[65] At a Towne meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmo[ ] June the 20th (1653)

John Briggs is Chosen towne magistrate for this year and (by the voate of the Inhabitants) presently ingaged

It is ordered that the Towne magistrates shall giue forth a generall warrant to the ~~thre~~ Constables Samuel Wilson to

destrayne of the goods of such as shall refuse to pay what thay are rated either to the former rates or that rate which is to bee made for ould mott: and the rate to be satisfied and the overplusse to bee returned:

Thomas Layton and William Wodell are Chosen over seers for the Poore for this yeare insuing

it is ordered that the over seers aboue sayed are authorizide to bargin with any man whom thay thinke fitt for thee keeping ould John mott this yeare upon the Townes Charge

John Roome:

mr John Sanford Richard Bordin: John Brigs Philip Shearman and william wodell are Chosen for a Councell for the Towne

It is ordered that the order Concerning watchinge is Continued and to bee observed till further order be taken

At a Towne meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmoth 1654
Henery Persi receiued an Inhabitant
Will: Charles demured till the next meetinge
Tho: Studwell demurred &c.
John Brent and Jerimie Nueland voated not to abide in this Towne any longer then 6 weekes and to forfeit 5 pound for euery month that he or either of them shall stay longer then the 6 weeks alowed. with out the aprobation of the Towne

John Gorum hath libertie to take his Cropp

It is ordered that no Inhabitant shall intertaine any sojorner aboue one month with out the aprobation of the Towne upon the penaltie of the forfituer of fiue poundes for every month so offending and the magistrat of the towne to giue licence untill a towne meetinge bee

[66] may the 10th (1654)

At a Towne meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of Portsmoth it is agreed by Voate to sende a Committe of six men for this Towne

unto the Generall Court to bee held at warwick this present month of may

Mr Rich: Bordin &
those fiue under
writt are Chosen
for a Committe
for the Generall
Courte

Richard
mr Bordin
~~mr John Roome~~
mr John Briggs
Tho: Lawton
Edward Andros
John Anthony
Samuel Wilson

Thomas Lawton
Edward Andros
John Anthony
Chosen for Jury men for the Generall Court of tryals
It is ordered that the Committe aboue named are autorized to act in in All such matters as shalbe presented as thay shall Judg to bee for the good of the Collonie with as full power as if the towne were present
Will: hall is Chosen to be Joynde with mr Bordin to lay out such land as haue been legally granted in the Towne

[**67**] At a meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth in Roade Iland June the fifth (165
William Cadman is receiued an inhabitant in the towne
This present day beinge the first second day of June (i654) the day of Election for towne officers
Mr William Balston is Chosen hed officer for the towne for this yeare or till a nue be Chosen: Ingaged
Mr John Roome is Chosen towne magistrate for this yeare or till a nue be Chosen: Ingaged
Philip Shearman is Chosen towne Clarke: Ingaged
Samuel wilson Chosen Constabl for this yeare or till a nu bee Chosen: Ingaged
Thomas Lawton Chosen Constabl for this yeare or till a nue be Chosen: Ingaged

Jeames Sands Chosen Constabl for this yeare or till a nue bee Chosen: Ingaged

George Parker towne Sarjant & water bayleif for this yeare or till a nue bee Chosen Ingaged

m^r John Porter, John Briggs Philip Shearman are added to the generall officer and to the two towne magistrats for to bee the towne Councell

the Commission granted to Captin moris by the Councell of warr is Voated to be nuld & of no longer force

It is Granted unto Richard Bulgar to haue license to sell beere vituals and licquors to Strangers that passe the fferrie or to any persons that shall bee [ ]mployed about the transportation of Cattell or trauelers that are passing to or from the Iland

[68] At a meetinge of the Inhabitants of the towne of Portsmoth on Roade Iland June the 17th (i654

It is ordered that the Copiis of the Generall orders sent to this towne by the Generall Recorder shalbe payd out of of that stock which is in the overseers handes:

It is ordered that William ffreeborne shall haue tenn pounds for this yeare insuinge to keepe ould mott to bee payde at the Rate of silver pay besides the Cowe and the fiue bushels of Corne, for which he is to Diet wash lodge and looke to the sayd old mott

Rate of 30^l.

It is ordered that a Rate be made for the raysinge of this mony for the payment of william freeborn and Cloathing ould mott by the discetio^r of such men as shalbe Chosen therto: according to mens estates, the some to bee thirty poundes for the discharge of the former busines for ould mott and some other debts the towne owe: the men Chosen Jeames Weeden William freeborne William Woddell Edward ffisher Philip Shearman to make this Rate:

William ffreeborne and Thomas Cornell Junior are chosen overseers & colectors for the poore for this yeare insuinge

Thomas Lawton is Chosen to geether with the two overseers to gather this rate aboue named

Bartholomew West is propounded for an Inhabitant amongst us.

It is ordered that the militia shalbe ordered by the towne Councell

[**69**] August the 21th (1654)

At a meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmoth it is Voated that Ossamequin shall haue his Coate payd him forthwith for his rent of the medows on the maine land on the North side of Roade Iland:

It is Voated & Concluded that all the affayers of Generall Court shalbe transacted by a Committe of six men ~~Chosen~~ of ech towne Chosen to that end: exsept elextion

Mr William Baulston John Roome Richard Bordin Thomas Cornell Senior John Briggs William Hall

It is ordered that that this Committe aboue named are authorized to meete at Warwick with the rest of ye townes Committies at the day nuport neighbors shall apoint: with as full power to act as if the towne were present

It is ordered that the former order Concerning takeing what men are rated of such as refuse is orderd to be of force

It is ordered that a doppinge stoole shalbe made in this toowne and sett at the water side by the po[ ]de

Thomas Jenings acknowledg himselfe bound to the state of England the some of tenn pounds the Condition is to be of a peaceable behauiour to wars his wife and all the leage people of the state of England in this Iland

At a Towne meetinge the 11th of September Anno (1654

It is ordered that prison shalbee built in this towne upon some Convenient place nere the Stockes

A Rate of 60l. It is ordered that a Rate shalbe made of threscore pounds for the buildinge of of a prison in this towne

It is ordered that the thre Constabls and thomas Cornell Junior shall make this Rate and to gather it

John Tripp is Chosen Committe man for the Generall Court in the Roume of william Hall

It is ordered that those that are imployed as Commissioners for the generall shall haue there Charges borne from this day forward

[70] It is ordered that Ralph Erle Senior and Thomas Cornell Junior are Chosen to overse the worke of the prison and Sett men a worke and pay them there wages

it is ordered that Ralph Earle and John Anthonij shall keepe a howse of Intertainment for strangers

It is ordered that mr Bastone shall keepe a house of intertainment to intertaine Strangers

Nouember the 13th (1654

At a Towne meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth (1654) Nouember the 13th

John Sandford ffrancis Brayton and Lott Strange are Chosen for Commissioners to Joyne with mr Bordin & John Roome and John Briggs to meet the rest of the Commissiners of the Colonie at Nuport the i4 of this instant month

It is ordered that mr Bordin and William Hall who are Chosen to be the layers out of land in this towne, shall with in this eight dayes or with all Convenient speede; lay out a hie way to ye springe by the line that mr Jo: Sandford layd out to Philip Shearman, on the south side of the sayd line according to former agreement of the towne and also to lay out the adition of land granted to mr Almy at the Hedd of his farme. Jeames Sands

and George Parker are Chosen by the towne to goe alonge with the layers out when thay lay out the aforesayd hie way and land

January the 23th (i654) At a townes meeting it is Voated for this towne to Joyne with Nuport in the purchase of Cunnuniquut Iland and william Almy and Thomas Lawton are Chosn to goe to Nuport to treate with them aboute the Joyninge with them in the purchase of the aforesayd Iland and Dutch Iland with it

John Tyler is receiued an Inhabitante this day

Jerit Borne is receiued an Inhabitant this day

It is agreed that the towne wilbee at the Charge to pay ould John motts passage to the Barbades Iland and back againe if he Cannot be receiued there, if he liue to it, if the Shipp owners will carrie him

[**71**] At a towne meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth march the third (i654)

In respect of severall inconueniences that haue hapined in this towne It is ordered that no man signe any writinge as a bill of diuorce unlesse the seperation be alowed by the Collonie he that shall offend in this cace shall forfeit tenn pounds Sterling; and any that shall sett to there hand as wittness to any writinge of this natuer not alowed by the Colonie shall forfeit tenn pounds Sterlinge

It is further ordered that no man shall detaine or harbor another mans wife after warninge forbiding he that shall offend in this respect shall forfeit fiue pound Sterlinge for euery night of offendinge: euery forfetuer in these respects aforesayed shalbe taken by the Sargiant of the towne

May the 5th (i655)

At a Towne Meeting of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth

Bartholomew West Receiued Inhabitant

Thomas Studwell Receiued Inhabitant

Mr Balston mr Jo: Porter mr Tho: Cornell Sen: are Chosen to treate with Nuport about that debt thay demanded formerly of our towne: and about the land thay haue taken from us and to perfect the laying out of the lyne for the boundes betwixt the Townse of Portsmouth and Nuport and to forewarn Nuport inhabitants for falling any timber in ower towne boundes

Commissioners Chosen for to meet with the rest of the Commissioners of the Colony to transact the busines of the Generall Court to be held at Prouidence at the usuall tyme With as full Power as if the town were present viz: mr will: Balston: mr John Roome mr ~~Richard Burden:~~ John Tripp John Briggs: Thomas Lawton mr Thomas Brownell

Jurymen Chosen for the Generall Court of tryals to be held at Prouidence mr John Sanford Ralph Earl Sen: ffrances Brayden

[72] may the 5th (i655

it is ordered that a rate shalbe made for the defraying the Charge of those men that the town shall send forth upon the towne seruis

A Rate of 10l. it is ordered that a Rate of tenn pounds shalbe forthwith made and gathered by Samuel wilson and Sarjant Parker between this and the Courte for the discharging of the towne debts of those thay haue sent forth upon the towne seruis

At a meeting of thee Toune Councell of Portsmouth June the 4th (i655) William Hall hath libertie Granted him to try his Cace presented betwixt Richard Bordin and him selfe at the next Generall Court of tryalls to bee held at Portsmouth for the Collonie of Prouidence Plantations

[73] June the 4th (i655) being the day for Election of toune officers: the inhabitants of the toune of Portsmouth being mett this present day aboue writt have Chosen mr Will Balston

magistrate for this toune for this present yeare and ingaged
m^r John Sandford Chosen toun magistrat and Ingaged for this year
Philip Shearman Chosen Toune Clarke Ingaged
George Parker Chosen toune Sergant and and water Bayleife for this year Jngaged
John Briggs and William ffreeborne and Philip Shearman ar Chosen to make up the toune Councell
m^r John Sanford is Chosen tresurer for thee towne
Edward ffisher is Chosen Constable for this yeare insuing and Ingaged
Thomas Brownell is Chosen Constabl for this toune for this year insuinge and Ingaged
Richard Sisson is Chosen Constabl for this yeare insuing and Ingaged
Jeames Weeden is Chosen Jury man for the Generall Court of tryals to bee houlden at Portsmouth the last tuesday of this present month of June
Jeritt Borne is Chosen Jury man: for the Court
Joshewaye Coxall Chosen Jury man: abouesayd

The bill presented by George parker to the toune for seruis done for the toune of Portsmouth amounting to 2^l— 13 shillings it is ordered that it shall bee putt in to thee rate to bee made for A generall use by the Generall Court order and payd to George parker after the rate is gathered upon demand bringing in his bill:

Mr John Sanford William Woodell & Philip Shearman are Chosen to take the accompts of such men as haue formerly been Chosen to gather rates and there acompts haue not bene receiued by the towne

[**74**] At a meeting of thee towne of Portsmouth June the 30th (i655)
The accompts of thee Rate of 52^l — 6^s — 6^d given in by m^r Brlston

are accepted and there rest due to the towne out of the rate—
s d
9—10: ungathered

January the 3d (1655

A Towne meeting of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth goodman Parent propounded himself for inhabitant as also John Lewis and Philip Tabor

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth ffebrewary the 14th (1655)
mr William Balstone is Chosen moderator for this meeting

Philip Tabor is receiued an inhabitant and taken his ingagement to the state of England and gouernment of this place: and hath equall right of Comonage with the rest of the inhabitants of this towne

mr William Balston mr John Porter mr Thomas Cornell Senior are Chosen by the towne to meete with the three men that the towne of Nuport haue Chosen: about a debt and the lyne between the two townes

It is ordered that the thre men Chosen by our towne are authorized by the towne with full power to end the aforenamed difference with the aforenamed men of Nuport Concering a debt and the lyne betwen the two tounes: either in a peaceabl frindly way by agetation: or otherwise legally if thay Cannot end it by agetation.

it is ordered that thee expenses of the aforenamed thre men about the aforenamed busines shalbe borne by the toune

Will
mr Almy John Briggs and Samuell Wilbur are Chosen for Jury men for the next generall Court to be held at Warwick

[75] John Lewis is admitted and inhabita[ ] and hath giuen his ingagement to the state of England and to the gouernment of this Collonie

The 7th of Aprill (i656 (a letter beinge sent from Nuport to the magistrats of Portsmouth to desier ConCurrence of our towne with theres for the preseruation of the Iland our towne Chose mr William balston Captin Richard Morris and leif[]tenant Albro to meete with Nuports thre men as aforesayd

At a meetinge of the towne Portsmouth Aprill the 8th (i656) the Choyce of the thre men aboue named is owned by the towne and what thay agreed upon and presented to the towne is acsepted by the towne of portsmouth and hereby Confermed

Mr Will Balston Captin Richard Morris Captin Thomas Cooke leiftenant Wilbur Jeames BadCock William Woodell ffrancis Brayton are Chosen to goe ouer to the mayne to treate with the Indian Sachems to informe them of the mynd of the towne that thay Come not upon the Iland but accordinge to order giuen

It is agreed that a publicke watch shall be ordered by the Comissioners for the towne and the towne Councell in the precincts of the towne

It is ordered that the Constable and the Clarke of the band shall goe from howse to howse and take thee number of the armes extent and to Case them to be repayerd that are not fixt, and to giue in the number of armes fixt and it is also ordered that where thay find armes to spare thay shall haue power to presse them for the use of the towne ingageing the returne of such armes in as good order as taken or Just and Sutabl Satisfaction

[**76**] May the i4th (i656 At a meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth mr John Roome Chosen moderator for this present meetinge

Comissioners Chosen for the next Generall Court to bee held at Portsmouth: viz mr William Balston mr Jo: Sanford Philip Shearman: William Woodell mr John Roome mr Richard Bordin

to meete with the Commissioners of the rest of the townes of the Collonie to act with as full power as if the towne were present

At a meeting of the free Inhabitants of Portsmouth the first second day in June (i656)

Philip Shearman Chosen Towne magistrate for this yeare and Ingaged

m^r John Briggs Chosen Towne magistrate for this year and Ingaged

Philip Shearman Chosen Towne Clarke and Ingaged

william woddell Chosen one of the towne Councell

John Albro Chosen one of the towne Councell

m^r John Porter Chosen one of the towne Councell

m^r william Balston tresurer for the towne

Richard Sisson Chosen Constable Ingaged

Ralph Cowland Chosen Constable Ingaged

Thomas Lawton Chosen Constable Ingaged

George Parker Chosen toune Sargiant and Ingaged

[77] At a toune meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmo[ ] June the third (i656) It is ordered that no Pson or persons in this toune of Portsmouth nor any that shall Come amongst us shall sell any liquors stronge beer or any wines to any Indian directly nor indirectly with in the bounds of this toune and any Pson or Psons that shall offend in this Cace shall forfeit three[3] poundes for euery default one thirde shalbe to him that finde it out, and a third to the Constable and his aide and a third to the tounetresury

It is also ordered that it shalbe lawfull for any Pson or Psons of thee Inhabitants of this toune if thay meete any Indian within the bounds of this toune with any of the aforesayed prohibited liquors stronge beer or wines to take it from them and to Call ayde if neede bee, and thay that take from the Indians any such

liquors beer or Wines with in the bounds of this toune shall haue it for ther paynes

Mr Richard Burdin & Jeames Sands & Captin Cooke are Chosen Jury men for the next genl Court of Tryals held at Prouidence

Mr William Baulston Philip Shearman & mr Richard Bulgar are Chosen to audit & take the accompts of the tresurer for the last year John Sanford as also to perfitt the accompts of the ould rates upon Saterday next

voated that the tresurer for the last year shall deliuer the monies belonging to the towne unto the tresurer mr William Baulston

[78] At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the towne of Portsmouth July the third (i656)

Lott Strange and good man John Antony haue libertie granted them to digg a ditch seuen or nyne foote wide from the pond to thee dry land before goodman stranges house for the bringing up any goods the more Conveniently

it is ordered that John Teft shall haue 13 l — 6 s — 8 — peage 6 P penny or white black 3 P penny to keepe ould John mott this yeare for dyat lodging washing and looking to besyde the Cowe and the Corne that the ould mans son adam is ingaged to giue

mr Balston is ordered to pay John Teft fower pounds nyne shillings out of the tresury mony when it Come in to his hand which is due to John Teft for part of the last years pay for keepinge ould John mott

mr Balston is ordered to by ould John mott Cloathing out of the tresury mony that Come in to his hand according as mr Balston seeth fitt

it is voated by the towne that John Albro shall haue his gunn agayne and be aquitted of his rate for service done for the towne

August the 11th (i656 At a toune meeting mr Richard Bulgar Thomas Cornell Junior John Trip and william hall are Chosen

to survaie and view all Cattell that shalbe hence forth transported of the Iland and to take the names of all such as transport Cattell the day of the month when, the number of the Generall Cattell with there seuerall ear marks and if any haue Cattel that haue not ther oun ear marke or that haue other marke or markes then ther owen the suruayers ar hereby required to make stopp of them unless thay giue satisfaction to the suruayers howe thay Cam by those Cattell so differently marked and the survayers shall haue for ther payns according to former order and [79] and the suruayers ar to se the Cattell boated and if any Cary Cattell of the Iland in the night though suruayed before shall haue a suruayer to see them at ther going of shore or shall forfeit tenn pounds and stand to further sensuer of the toune

mr Brentons letter was redd in the toune meeting and mr Ballston and mr Thomas Cornell were Chosen to meet with two of Nuport to answer the letter and the toune promise to stand to what our two men agree unto therin:

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth October the 4th (i656) Comitioners Chosen for to meet with the Comitioners of the other townes the next thursday before the next Generall Court of tryals to bee houlden at Portsmouth to Consult and determin of such things as shalbe presented for the Justis and peace of the Collonie viz: mr william Balston: will: woddell Jeames Badcock: John Briggs will: Hall: mr Richard Bordin:

Jury men Chosen for the Generall Court of tryals to be houlden at Portsmouth this instant month of October: Jeames Weeden William ffreeborne Jeames Badcock

Richard Bulgar is Chosen toune Sargiant for this yeare and Ingaged

Thomas Wood propounded to be receiued an Inhabitant

[**80**] At a meeting of the toune of Portsmouth december the 8th (i656) It is ordered that mr John Sanford, mr John Briggs and Thomas Lawton are authorized to procuer the pouder & shott that is ordered by the generall Court for this toune, by makeing suteabl pay to mr Roger Williams and it is to bee for the tounes use prouided the town doe make the same pay to the aforenamed men as the generall Court expresse within one month after the aforenamed men haue procured the sayed pouder & shott and in Case it Come to any Causealtie after the sayd proCuering before the month bee expiered then the toune to bare the losse as also the Charge of procuering it is to bee borne by the toune and if the toune doe not make pay as aforesayed to the aforesayed men within the time afore sayed then the sayed pouder and shott to bee at the disposing of the afore sayed men as their proper goods

the toune Clarke is ordered to wright to mr Roger williams to signifie the tounes minde to him Concerning the pouder and shott

It is ordered to haue a toune meeting upon Saturday next without any further warning only those that are present doe promise to giue notice to those that are absent:

[**81**] At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth december the i3th (i656)

It is ordered that the tresurer mr William Balston shall redeeme the pouder and shott belonging to the toune out of the tresury if sutabl pay Come in to his hand within the time prefixed

20l for ye prisson

It is further ordered that the tresurer shall pay the 20 pounde for the prison to nuport out of the tresury if sutabl pay Come in to his handes

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth March the third (i656) Jury men Chosen for the Generall Court of tryals to bee held at Nuport the tenth day of this instant month [viz] =

Philip Tabor: Thomas Cooke Senior: Thomas Cornell Junior
John mose is lisenced to soiorne in this toune
*Sam^uel^ Sanford is receiued an Inhabitant of this toune
Steuen Wilcockes is receiued an Inhabitant of this toune

At a toune meeting Aprill the i6 (1657)
it is Consented unto by Voate that Thomas sshreiff hath libertie to sitt doune for the present upon that house plott that John Porter hath giuen him libert[ ] to sitt doune upon for present: upon his wifes peacabl and good behauiour towards hir neighbours: untill he Can more Conueniently prouide for himself or the toune take further order Concerning them:

m^r^ William Balston Philip Shearman and m^r^ John Briggs are apoynted to speake With shreifs wife and William Charles and George Lawtons Wife and to giue them the best advise and Warning for ther own peace and the peace of the place

William Core is receiued a Tounesman amongst us: Richard Bordin william Almy John Porter william ffreborn John Sanford Jeames Sands are Chosen Commitioners for this toune to meet with th[ ] Commitioners of the rest of tounes of the Collonie

[**82**] At a meeting of the towne of Portsmouth on Road Iland may the 29th (i657)
it was ag^r^eed to meet with out any further warning the first day of June which wilbe next munday by six of the Clock in the morning to Choose toune officers for this year insuing:

At a meeting of the towne of Portsmouth the first day of June (i657) being munday
m^r^ John Briggs is chosen head Warden and ingadged
m^r^ William ffreborne deputy Warden and ingadged

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*Evidently *John* was written first instead of *Samuel*, and was changed with the pale ink used at the next meeting.

John Sanford is chosen Town Clarke & ingadged
m^r Richard Bulgar is chosen Towne Serjant & ingadged
John Tripp Thomas Layton and Samuell Wilson are chosen Cunstables
m^r William Baulston chosen Towne Treasurer
m^r phillip Sheareman John Albro and William Woadell ar chosen, three of the Towne Councell:

It is agreed that there shall be a towne meeteinge one munday next at the house of m^r John Briggs

Att A meetinge of the townes men of portsmouth on Rhoad Island the 8th of june 1657
ordered that this meeting shall voat for A moderator
m^r phillip Sheareman is chosen Moderator for this daie
Voated that the towne shall choose new Comitioners for the next gen^l Court of Comitioneres to be held at warwicke the fourth day of july next

m^r Richard Burdin John Sanford: m^r John porter m^r John Briggs James Sands and Richard Sison are chosen Comitioners for this towne to meet with the Comitioners of the other townes the 4th day of July next at warwicke

m^r John porter Richard Sison and James Sands are chosen juriemen for the next generall Court of Tryals held at warwicke the last Tuseday in this instant month,
Thomas Wood is Received an inhabitant of this towne
Daniell Grenell is Rec^d an inhabitant of this towne
John Sanford and Richard pearce are chosen Survaiers to uew the markes of all Cattell that goe from this towne
Ordered that m^r Baulston shall agree with goodman Teift for the keepeinge of ould mott for this yeare insueinge and to pay him out of The Treasury

[83] Att A Towne Meetinge of the fremen of Portsm^o held the 31 : of July : 1657

John Sanford chosen Moderator for this day
m^r Richard Bulgar Towne serjant haveinge presented his acco^tts for servis Done for the towne, The Towne have A<u>x</u>cepted the acco^tt and owne them selves indebted to the serjant the sum̃ of one pownd thirteene shills six pence to be payd out of The Towne Treasury

It is ordered that there shall be A Towne Meetinge upon the last day of August next it beinge Munday at the house of m^r Brigs, Which shall concerne the Deliveringe the Records papers or writtings which belonge to the towne and Towne clarks office (from m^r Shearman unto the Towne clarke) and to putt an Issue to the Difference concerninge the layinge out of land, with what other Nessesary occations may present and that Each man may give Notice hereof to his Neighbour without ffurther warneinge

Att: A: Towne Meetinge held by the freemen of portsmouth the 31: of August 1657 beinge munday

m^r William Baulston is chosen Modderator for this day
ordered that the agreement betwene William ffreeborne and James Weeden shall be Recorded in the towne booke: which is as followith:
William ffreborne and James Weeden Senr Did in the publique towne metinge Declare that it is theire ffree and mutuall agreemen that the Trees which Mathew Greenell marked & soe to the markt tree in or by the swampe shall be the line betweene William ffreebornes land and the Comon & shall be the utmost bounds of the sayd William ffreeborns land
William ffoster is admitted & Received A ffreeman
Whereas there hath beine great Differencis Concerninge land about the layinge out of lands in this towne of portsmouth in Rhoad Island and there beinge Certaine men upon Record in the Towne booke to be Desposers of land in the towne and thay

haveinge taken paynes to satisfy the towne in this Respect and therefore have Declared theire minds in that Respect what quantities of lande shall be layd out and to whome, And this not giveinge satisfaction. It is therefore agreed for peace & vnion that this abatement be made and some New supply (that is to say) that those that should have had by the aforesayd Disposers agreement thirty acres are Contented to take twenty acres, and those that should upon that accompt have had above thirty acres shall abate one halfe of theire quantity, and the quantities under thirty to Stand good——And two hundered acres more is Consented unto to be Desposed of by the towne unto those that have most neede and the remainder of land then undesposed of to be a perpetuall Comon to the towne fforEver Never to be layd out and upon this agreement we doe unanimously Consent to asuer Each man in theire lawfull Rights to our power

It is ordered that mr John porter mr John Brigs James Badcocke and John Sanford are chosen and Authorized to meet with the townesmen of Newport or Whome thay shall apoynt & Authorize: Concerninge Differencis in accompts and the line betwene the two townes, and to put an End or Issue to the Sayd Differencis Either in a peaceable ffreindly waie, (or other-waies Leagaly) if thay Cannot End it by adjetation

It is ordered that there shall be A Towne Meetinge on the 29th of [Se] next at the house of mr Brigs there to choose jurry-men and Comissio[ ] if need be, and to Consider of other nessesary bussinis that may pre[ ] and Each man to give notice to his neighbour without ffurther [ ]

[84] A Towne Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of portsmouth Novemr the 19th 1657

It is ordered that mr Baulston and mr Brigs are Desired and Requested to treat with Captt Morris, that he would take Some

Cource to Discharge the towne, accordinge to his promis, from all charge that may Arise by A Dutch Woman whome the S^d Captt Morris hath intertained in his house this last Sumer/

Voated that this Meettinge is adjourned till tomorrow Morneinge at Eight of the Clocke

Novemer the 20th

Mr John Brigs chosen Moderator for this Day

It is ordered that whereas there is due from the towne to m^r Roger Williams the Sum of fforty shills: it shall be payd to the Sd m^r Williams out of the Towne Treasury—

It is ordered that William Woodell hath tenn Acres of land graunted him in lewe of an old graunt, to be laied out at the land of George layton or about that Swampe to be laied out at the discrestion of the lotters

It is ordered that Leivt^n John Albro shall have his graunt of land layd out at the head of m^r porters ffarme and old [hard] it beinge thirty two acres

It is ordered that Thomas Cooke Senr hath Eight Acres of land graunted in lewe of 8 acres formerly graunted in the Comon ffence to be layd out on the south Side of the swamp called Brigis swampe, below Newport path

It is ordered that m^r Richard Bulgar shall have his fformer graunt of six acres layd out to him in the Comon ffence adjoyneinge to his land there

~~It is ordered that John Sanford shall have twenty five Acres of land to begin at the Brooke in the Swampe caled Briges Swampe, and to lie on the South Side of the S^d Brooke above Newport path only the head of the Springe is to be left out for A waltering place~~

It is ordered, that whereas the abov-Sayd graunt of land to John Sanford at Briges Swampe, was A pcell of land formerly graunted to m^r phillip Shearman, It is there-for ordered that in

lewe thereof John Sanford [85] Shall have twenty five Acres of land laied out unto him next adjoyneinge to the Side of the land of m^r Brigs at the Mill Swampe and the afore-Sayd order is herby Null, & is ordered to be Rased

Whereas Daniell Wilcocke had 15 Acres of land graunted by the Disposers of land: It is now ordered that he hath 15 acres of land more graunted to him to make it up thirty Acres, to be laid out at the Discrestion of the lotters

It is ordered that there shall be A towne Meettinge on the last day of this instant month: beinge munday at the house of m^r Brigs at 8 a clocke in the morneinge, Concerninge the Disposeinge of the 200 acres of land to those that want, & to take Cource to maintaine theire Rights in hoge Island:

Hoge Island

Att A Meettinge of the Inhabitants of portsm^o: November the 30th: 1657

m^r William Baulston is chosen Moderator for this day.

It is ordered that A Comittee of ffive: men shall be chosen And Authorized to Dispose of the 200 acres of land to those inhabitants of the towne that want land, Whoe are viz^tt m^r William Baulston m^r John porter m^r John Brigs m^r John Roome and James Badcocke

It is ordered that tenn men shall be Suplied with plantin land on hoge Island & to injoy it for seven yeares viz^tt Edward ffisher Richard Sison John Tripp John Anthony ffrancis Brayton Thomas Ginings Ralph Earll: jun^r: John Archar Samuell Wilson & John Baslie

It is ordered that William Corrie and John Teifft shall be suppled with plantinge land on hoge Iland & to injoy it the tearme afore-s^d

It is ordered that m^r William Baulston m^r John porter and m^r John Briges are chosen and Authorized to Dispute with any aposers to maintaine the townes Right in hoge Iland

It is ordered that Leivtt^{n} John Albro is added to Richard Burdin and William Hall in the layinge out of land in this towne of portsm^{o}.

It is ordered that Henry Lake is graunted to make use of three acres of land at the head of his lot and the Widdow parkers and to make use of it Seven yeares and at the End of the time to Sow the S^{d} land with English hay-seed & to lay it downe to the Com̄on againe

It is vnanimosly agreed that there shall be one hundred acres of land more aded to the two hundred acres to inlarge, the Suply of those that want which in Respect of the largeness of their ffamelies and the Smalnes of what will Com to their parts in the 200 acres will not Suffitiantly Supply their nesesities to be disposed of by the afore-sd Comitte

It is ordered that the two Coates payd to Osameakin for the Cuttinge of the Grase this yeare at the maine shall be payd out of the Treasury

It is ordered that there shall be A towne meettinge at the house of m^{r} Brigs on the Six^{t} day of January beinge Wedensday & Each man to give Notice to his Neighbour without ffurther Warneinge

[86] Att: A Meettinge of the Inhabitants of portsm^{o} the 6th of January 1657

Mr William Baulston is chosen Moderator for this day

It is ordered that ther shall be A Towne Mettinge held on the first Tuseday in march next it beinge the Second day of that m[ ] then to choose jurry: men for the next gen^{r} Court, as also to choose Comitioners if occation be, with other Nessesary matters that may present

It is ordered that those that were fformerly chosen to meett & Teat with Newport men viz^{tt} m^{r} John porter m^{r} John Brigs

James Badcocke & John Sanford are againe Authorised to me with Newpt men according to former order

It is ordered that wheras ther is one pownds five shills & Eight pence due to Will Lytherland for Coppies of Court orders Delivered to the towne in the time of his beinge Gen^{r} Recorder, the Sayd Sum̃ Shall be payd out of the Towne Treasury

It is ordered that wheras ther is due to m^{r} Brigs for Service done by himselfe and his boate for Carieinge Comitioners & other Service for the towne the Sum̃: of One pownd five Shills the Sayd Sum̃ Shall be payd out of the towne Treasury:

It is ordered that the Treaserer shall pay m^{r} Brigs for the use of his boate to Providence at the last Gen^{r} Court of Tryalls held there—

It is ordered that m^{r} Brigs shall have the Cow belonging to the Towne in the Custody of John Teifft, in Lew whereof the Sayd m^{r} Brigs doth ingadge to deliver to the Towne Treserer A heiffer of two this Next Springe, to be delivered on the last of Aprill next—

It is ordered that wheras m^{r} Richard Bulgar did present his accompts for warneinge two meettings & thre jurry-men, twelve shill^{s} & Six pence shall be payd by the towne Treasury:

It is ordered that the Treasurer m^{r} Will Baulston shall pay goodman Teift what is due to him for keepinge ould mott, with what other just demaunds is due to the sayd Teift about old mott:

It is ordered that the Treasurer m^{r} Will Baulston Shall pay m^{r} Room the Sum̃ of thirty Shills for the Stocks and whiping post:

It is ordered, with the Consent of Samuell Wilbore and phillip Shearman that the order made the 7th of the 7 m^{o} 1640 viz^{tt} that m^{r} Wilbore shall have 40 Acres out of phillip shearmans lott, shall be Rased

It is ordered that the towne Clarke Shall write to Newport to inform them, that we haue information of A woolfe beinge on

the Island, and to desire their helps to drive the Island, one munday Next if it be fayre wether, & if not then on the Next fayre day

[87] Att A Meettinge of the Inhabitants of portsmouth March the 2: 1657/58

Mr William: Baulston chossen Moderator for this Day
Ordered that mr John Brigs haveinge pettitioned to the towne to Borrow Som̃ mony.: it is agreed that he shall have what mony ther: can be Sparred out of the towne Treasury, he giveinge in bond for the payment ther-of to the Treasury againe on the 29th of Septr in the yeare (1658) or Sooner if the towne have occation to macke use of it

It is ordered that the Widdow haukins shall have her graunt of Eight Acres of land, ffree, without payinge the Treasury

It is ordered that mr William Baulston mr John Brigs mr phillip Shearman William Woadell and John Sanford are chossen and Authorized to Examain and Audit Ralph Earlls accompts of what the towne is indebted unto him and what thay shall ffind the towne to be in his debt shall be payd to the Sayd Earll: by the towne Treasurer,

That wher-as ther is due to Goodman Trip twelve Shills for goinge in to the Bay it is ordered that the Sayd Sum̃: shall be payd by the Towne Treasurer

John Almy is Admitted an Inhabitant amongst us

mr William Baulston mr John porter, mr Thomas Layton John Sanford James Badcocke And mr Samuell Wilbore are chosen Comissioners to meet with the Comissioners of the other townes on the Second Wedens-day in this instant month march: at this towne portsmouth:
Mr Thomas Layton James Badcocke and Captn Thomas Cooke

are chossen jurymen to atend the Gen^{r} Court of Tryalls the Second Tuse-day in this instant month at portsmouth

It is ordered that m^{r} William Baulston is chossen and aded to the former men formerly chossen to treate and adjetate with Newport men Concerninge the differences Betwene ouer towne and Newport, and is Authorized to act with the Sayd fower: men formerly chosen,

It is graunted to Thomas Ginings to have liberty to sell beere

[88] Att A Meettinge of the Inhabitants of portsm^{o} the 11th of may 1658 beinge Tuseday

Mr William Baulston is chossen Moderator for this day
Christopher Almy is Recd A free-man of this towne
John Reed is Recd a free-man of this towne
William Earll is Recd A free-man of this towne
William Wood is Recd A free-man of this towne
Ralph Earll: jun^{r} is Recd A free-man of this towne
Thomas Kent is Recd A free-man of this Towne
m^{r} William Baulston, m^{r} John porter, m^{r} John Brigs, m^{r} John Roome, m^{r} Thomas Layton, and John Sanford are Chossen Comissioners to meett & Act with the Comissioners of the other townes at the next Gen^{rl} Court of Election held at warwicke in this instant may on the Nintenth day thereof

ffrancis Brayton and m^{r} Henry percy are chosen to search & take Care & acompt of what liq^{r}s & wines are brought in & landed within the precincts or bownds of this towne

Ordered that Ralph Earll jun^{r} shall be payd Eleven shillings after the the Rate of Eight white peages ℘ peny, by the Treasurer

Ordered that there shall be A towne meettinge on the Second Tuseday june next at the howse of m^{r} Will Baulston Concerninge Stentinge the Comons & other nesisary bussines that may present

Att A Meetting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth June the 7th 1658 beinge moonday

mr John Brigs chossen hed Warden of this Towne mr John porter next
mr John porter chossen deputy Warden mr John Roome next
John Sanford Towne Clarke Tho Cornell next
mr Richard Bulgar chossen Tow Sergant James Badcocke next
mr William Baulston chossen Treasurer
Leivtn John Alsbro chosen one of The Towne Councell & mr Samuell Wilbore & John Sanford are chossen to make up the Towne Councell
Edward ffisher Samuell Wilson & Thomas Wayte are chosen Cunstables
John Sanford and Richard pearce are chossen Survayers for this yeare
Thomas Cornell Towne Clarke Ingaged:

Att A meetting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth June the 8th 1658 being Tewsday

mr william Balston is Chosen moderator for this day
orderd that the acountes being recaiued and Excibeded of the Treshur by the Towne
Ordered that Richard knijt shall be payd ffive poundes ffive shilnes by the Treasurer
Lott Straing William Earle william woodel are chosen Jeuery men to atenend the Generel court of Tryeles at newport vpon The last Tesewday of this instant mounth
Ordered that Ralph Earll Junor shall be payd two shillenes for muny that he payd for his fferigg gooing to plimoth: [89]
Orederd that mr william Boston and mr John Briges are to end the acountes betwne the Towne and Philip Sharman and the said Philip is to be satisfijed by the Treshauer

Orederd that hee that is chosen to the place of the a Towne Shargen[ ] shall be wattur baijle allsoo for y^t yeare:

Orederd that Thomas Jenines shall be payd fiue shilenes by ye Trushu[ ]

Cattill transp orted

oredred that from henece forth noe Pearson shall Presume to Trance Port any Cattell from off this Iland from any Partes within the liberties or Precincth of this Towne Except he or thay breinge A noote subsuribed by the Party of whome he bought such Cattell of the sortes of the Cattell and the number and how marked of or otherwise giue A note vnde[ ] his hand accordingly that such Cattell are his oune by breed or otherwise bought which noate shall be delivered vpon the veiw of the said Cattel vnto those who are by the Towne apoynted suruayeres and if any shall act Contrary to this order thay shall forfite and loose the sayd Cattell or the worth of them:

It is orderd that wheras Captn John Cranston had A grant of Eight acres of land in the Comon ffence the sayd Eight acres is now ordered to be layd out to the said Captain at the discreshon of the overseers m^r william Baulston and m^r John Porter by the lotters:

John Hauenes recaiued a free-man of this Towne
Ebner Sharman recaiued a free man of this Towne
Thomas Hendely recaiued a free man of this Towne:
Richard Hart reciaiued a free man of this Towne

Oredered that the sekond Tuseday of Junly is to be a Towne metin[ ] for to agatateing shuch thinges as may fall in

Orderd that m^r Baston shall recaiue thre gunnes of william Earle at feftey shilenes in case thay be scaruiscabel for the Towne:

Samuel Willson Chosen Cunstable and ingaged for this yeare
Thomas Wait Chosen Cunstable and ingaged
Edward ffisher Chosen Cunstable and Ingaged

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[91] At a metting of the free Inhabitants of Portsmouth this 6th of Octobar 1658

m^r William Balston is Chosen modratar for this day:

it is ordred that Roger williames shall haue librety of the Towne for to liue in william woodel house till the 5th of nouembar in-seuen the date heare of: and no longer by the Towne order

Nathel Brouing Thomas Hasard Joshawa Coggeshall Chosen Jurey men to atend the saruis of the Genrel Cort of Triels held at worwick being the 12th of this instant munth of Octtobar

Ordred that a boot shall be hijerd for to Carey the magstrate and Jurey men to the Court at worwick and shall be paiid out of the Treshey

ordred that goodman Trip shall be payd by the Tresey for Careying the Cummishenors to ye Court in may last

Orderd that those fiue men Chosen before to Trete with Newport men are now made Choyse of againe and the former ~~order~~ Autorethy is Confermed vpon them againe and is aThorised to met with Them vpon the 20th of this instant mounth of Octobar

At a metting of the free Inhabitants of Porthmouth this 27th of Octobar 1658

m^r William Baulston is Chosen modrator for this day

orderd that those men which wheare formerly Chosen haue libretey for to apoijnt the Time and the day for to Trette with newport men about the difrance and the line and to write to them Concaring the Time

ordred that wheare as newport men haue scent to this Towne Concaring keping Co[ ]ts by Themscelues and with considrasho[ ] Think it not Conueniant sooe for to dooe

m^r william Baulston m^r John Sanford m^r Adam Moot Scenor John Trip Hendrey Percy John Almy are Chosen Commishonors to mett at worick to actt with the other Commishonors one the Second of nouembar

Giden ffreborne recaiued a freeman of this Towne

Orderd that goodman Trip shall Caray the Coummishoners and be payed out of the Treshey

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[93] At a meting of the ffre habtitants of Portsmouth this 22 of Nouembar 1658:

Mr William Baulston is Chosen modratur for this day:
Orderd that mr Richard Bulgar shall be paiid by the Treshuer for five billes thre of them for woring Towne metings and one of them for woring Commishonors and one of them for woring Jurimen:

At a meting of the ffre habtitants of Portsmouth this 16: of ffebruary 1658

Mr John Porter is Chosen Modratur for this day:
William Cadman Hugh Parsons Richard Sisi[ ]n Chosen Jury men for to Tend the Generell Corurt of Triels helld at Prouidenc the Sekond Tewseday in march insewing:
wheras there is presented to this pressent meeting A lickelyhood of Charge that my fall on the Towne, by A child which is said by the mother of it beinge mathew Greenell wife to be jacob Mots Chyld, vpon which occassion this meeteinge wass Called and is mett togather: vppon the afore=said bussnis the Towne doe juge that the officers haue not acted according to ther Comision and Authority, to keepe the towne from charge Therfore the town doe order and declare their Result, which is that thay are noe way ingadged, to be at any charge on the account of that chyld which is to say mathew Greenells wife chyld aforesayd:
Orderd that mr william Baulston shall pay to John Sanford out of the Treshery feftey shelnes and tenn pence

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[**95**] At A meting of the free inhabtaints of the Towne of Portsmouth this 12 of may 1659

m^r John Briges Chosen moderator for this day:
m^r Baulston m^r Sanford m^r Thomas Layton m^r wilbore Goerg Layton m^r Almy Chosen Commishniors for to Tend the Court at Prouidenc

Voted Robrt west Recaiued an Inhabetant anongest vs

Voted If Samuel wilbour Can not gooe to the Court m^r Baulston is to heyer his boat or Soum other wheare he can to be paid out of the Tresury

Voted m^r Briges hath the tresury Cow with all hir increase for thre years with all hir profits to the thirds and at the three yeres End he is to deliuer vp the Said Cow with two parts of hir increace to the Tresurer and the Remaineur to be for John Briges more ouer he is to let a Calfe belong to the Towne to run in his pastur at the maine this Sumer

At A meting of the free inhabtants of the Towne of Portsmouth this 6 of June 1649 1659*
m^r William Baulston Chosen moderator for this day
m^r John Brigges Chosen head warden and Ingaged
m^r John Roome Chosen deptey warden and Ingaged
Thomas Cornell Chosen Towne Clarke and Ingaged
m^r Hendery Percey and John Tiler Chosen Cunstables and Ingaged
Samuel Wilison Chosen Cunstable
Richard Bulger Chosen Town Seargent and Ingaged
m^r Sanford and John Albro and Thomas Lawton are Chosen to make vp the Towne Councell with the thre magistras for this yeare
m^r percey and ffrancis Brayton are Chosen to tacke vp acompt of what Lickres Coum in to this Towne

* The date *1659* is written in different ink.

m^{r} william Baulston Chosen Treshuer for this yeare
Voted that m^{r} Richard Bulger shall be payd Twentey and five shilens for Six biles out of the Treshrey:
Voted and recaiued the Treshuer accomptes of the Treshuer by the Towne in the meeting

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[97] At A metting of the ffree inhabitaints of Potsmouth this 8 of August 1659

m^{r} william Baulston Chousen Modrator for this day
m^{r} Baulston m^{r} Pourtor m^{r} Roome m^{r} Briges Jeames Badcocke m^{r} Sanford Chosen Commishniors to atend the Court held at Portsmouth the three and twenty day of this instant mounth August
Ordred that Jeames Badcooke shall be paid nine shilenes and six penc out of the Treshrey for Charges in the Case of Nicholas Browne
Ordred that the Towne Councel and m^{r} Porter m^{r} Sharman m^{r} Barden m^{r} moot William woodel are requested for to meet the ffirst mundey in Scptembar next for to Trete about the ripeng and the best Course for the recording and conferming Euery mans land vpon him

At A towne metinge of ye free Inhabtants of Portsmoth this 15th of Septembar 1659

1 M^{r} william Boulston is Chozen modrator for this day
2 Richard Bulgar Chosen by Vote to suply ye absents of the towne Clarke for this day
3 the Genorall Court order made ye 23 of August 1659 publeshed and Reed
4 it is Ordred & Votted that A Rate is to be made of 50^{l} in

wompom at 6 ℔ peny or othar pay Equiuelent there Vnto: to be gathred in betwen the day of ye date here of and ye 29th of this Instant month Septembar

5 it is Ordred that this Rate is to be gathred in Equaly accordinge to Eury mans Estate

6 it is Ordred that m^r John Briggs m^r John Sanford m^r william Almy and m^r Thomas Laiton is Chozen to make the afore said Rate

7 it is ordred that the Genorall Recordar is to be paid out of ye tresury for the two Last Genorall Court Copies in wompom 8 ℔ peny——01——10——0[ ]
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8 m^r. Thomas Brownill Thomas Kent frances Braiton Chosen Jury men to sarue Vpon the Next Court in Octobar

[98] Ord that Thomas Ginings is to be paid out of the tresury seuen shilings for searuis don

Att A Townes meting of ye ffree Ihabtaints of Portsmouth this 21th of Decembar 1659

Mr John Porter Chosen Modderator for this day
It is ordred that the ratte shall be readd in the metting
It is Ordered that Prudecenc shall pay according as thay be Ratted in this Towne ratte
itt is orderd that m^r John Briges and m^r John Sanford ffrancies Brayton and Thomas Cornell is to gather vp the ratte:
itt is orderd that the Towne Sargent shall gooe to preudence and gather vp the rate

At A Townes meting of the ffree Ihabtants of Portsmouth this 7th of march 1659 or 60:

m^r william Almy Chosen modderator for this day
m^r John Porter Roubart Hazard Jarrad Borne are Chosen

Jeurey men for to Tend the next Court held at Newport the 13th of this instant month march:
It is Orderd that mr Richard Bulgar shall be bayd thirtey shilens out of the Treshery by the Tresher for Seuen beiles for woring of Towne mettings and Juery men and Commishonors

Orderd A Letter scent from mr Brinton is to be reed in the Towne

Orderd that mr will Baulston hath liberty to provid a horse and to Satiesfiy for him out of the treshery and his Charges vpon his Jorny to Tanton to meett with plimoth Commishonors

It is orderd that mr william Almy william Hall Thomas Cornell is to vew the reck[ ]rds to see wether thay Can find any forther right to the land then wee can find at this prescent and to draw vp a letter to scend vp to mr william Brenton and prescent it to the Towne

[99] Att A meettinge of the Townes men of Portsmouth held the 9th of may: 1660.

mr william Baulston Chosen moderator for this day
mr John Porter william Hall John Sanford mr Samuell willbore Edward ffisher John Albro are Chosen Commishioners for the next Genrl Court of Election to be held the 22th of this instant month in this Towne of Portsmouth then and theare to mett and act with the Commisioners of the other Townes, as A Law mackinge Asemebly,
william williams is admitted A ffreeman of this Towne
Thomas Butts is admitted A ffreeman of this Towne

Att A meettinge of the Townes men of Portsmouth held the 4th of June 1660

mr William Baulston Chosen moderator for this day

m^r John Roome Chosen hed warden m^r Almy next
m^r William Almy deptey warden m^r Porter next
m^r Ricard Bulgar Towne Clarke: Thomas Cornell next
m^r John Sanford Chosen one Towne Councell
m^r John Tripe Chosen one Towne Councell
m^r John Albro Chosen one Towne Councell
m^r William Baulston Chosen Tresher for this Towne
Thomas Kent Chosen Towne Sargent
Henderey Pearcy Chosen Cunstables
Richard Sision Chosen Cunstables
James Badcocke Chosen Cunstables

Voted that a Chalinge from m^r william Dyar of Newport to m^r John Portar of portsmoth about ye proporiety of our lands and libarties of ye people with in the Juriousdiction of prouidenc plantations be publickly Red in this Assembly to be Answred in writinge
May 28 1660 Subscribed William Dyar

m^r John portar Accapts of it and is Resolued to Answer it in writinge,

Voted and Ordred that the ordar made the 8 of August 1659 that the men there in Nominated with the towne Counsill for the Ripninge and treatinge of a way and Course for the Recordinge and Confirminge Eury mans Land vpon him is Reuiued and the same men Nominated in that ordar are apointed to mette Vpon the 25th day of this Instant month Jun to Effect the same [100]

Ordred that 4 men be Jojned with ye towne Councell and the Rest to treat and Assist them in the manedginge of the former ordar Namly m^r John Brigs william Hall James Badcock and Thomas Cornille

Ordred that Richard Bulgar shall be paid 20 shillings out of the towne tresurey for searus don for the towne fiue bills - - - - 01-00-00

At a Metinge of ye free Inhabetants of portsmoth, July ye 9th 1660

1 Votted Mr John porter Chosen modarator for this day

2 a papar of the towne Councills Result for the Evedencinge of lands presented & Reed, which is as followeth Vizt

first wee haueinge perused the booke Called the State booke doe there finde absolute order that Each towne shall procure a towne booke to Record and Evidence Each mans land in, therefore wee agree that the New booke lately bought, shall be Kept for that Vse only

Also we findinge Seuerall Records in the Said State booke, Concearninge the Tenure of Lands and Euidenceinge there of, we Conceiue it Necesary and doe desire John Sanford to Copie out all the said orders, and Record them in the New booke

wee also Agree that A Clarke be Chosen by the towne to haue the Keepinge of this booke, who Shall Record, and Euidence the lands there in, and that the said Clarke shall be the Recorder of the towne Courts if occation bee,

wee Agree that all high waies and drift waies be laid out and bounded and that thay be Recorded with there bownds in the New booke

The Ressult of the free inhabetents of portsmoth
vpon the town Councills ordars
aboue writen

Votted ffirst where as wee the Inhabitants of the towne of portsmoth haue had many and Searious debates, and adietations, about the particular Euidenceinge of Each mans land, Either graunted him by the towne, or purchased from others to whom the towne did graunt them, in our said towne, and findinge that we haue absolut authority granted by the Authority of the Island when thay Acted Joyntly, as by there order Recorded in the booke Called the state booke apeares, therefore we Resolue to act by

Authority of the said order which was made at a Genorall Court of Election held at this towne of portsmoth the 16th of march 1641 a Copie where of is vizt It is ordered that Each towne shall prouide a towne booke, where in thay shall Record the Euidences of the lands by them Impropriated, and shall also haue power to give forth a Copie there of, which shall be A Cleere Euidence for them and theris to whom it is so granted,

Secondly it is further ordered that Each towne shall provide A
Votted Towne booke wherein thay shall Record the Euidences, of the lands by them Impropriated and shall also haue power to giue forth a Copie there of, which shall be a Cleere Evidence for them and theirs to whome it is so graunted [101]

thirdly It is further Ordred that where as there is a booke alredy
Votted procured which we Now Caule by the Name of the booke of land Evidences, the said booke shall be Kept only for that Vse, for Euidenceinge of lands there in, and that those ordars in the state book, Concerninge the Tenuer and Evidencinge of lands shall be also Recorded there in,

fourthly And for as much as there may be an aperance of daingar of
Votted hauinge the said booke lost by hauinge it kept in a Remote place, and for the preuention of which daingar it is also Ordred that the saide booke Caled the booke of land Euidences is left to be Kept at the howse of mr william Baulston Vntell the towne take further order about it

fifthly Richard Bulgar is Chosen Recordar to Entare and
Votted Record mens lands in the booke of land Euidences for this yere, and is to haue a peny an Acre for Recordinge mens lands and giuinge forth Copies of grants out of the said booke or may Compound if he pleaseth for halfe a crown a deede

sixthly and for as much as wee the free Inhabitants of ye Towne of portsmoth hauinge dewly waied and well Considred that there may be sum grants or Copies of land brought to the Recorder not dewly deriued or not legaly purchesed which in time may Occation troubles and Needles or Vnnesacary suts in law betwen man and man, for the preuention of such disorders, it is further ordred that there shall be a Comitee of 4 men who are Chosen to vew all such Copies or deeds of land as are to be Entred in to the booke of land Euidences, and if thay be found to stand good accordinge to law and order, then thay are to be Recorded, if not then such Copies or deeds to be suspended vntell further order, or tell there title be bettar Clered

The Comite Chosen m^r^ william Baulston m^r^ philep Sherman william Hall and Richard Bulgar who are to meet at the howse of m^r^ william Baulston vpon monday Next beinge the 16th day of this Instant month July 1660 and so sucksesiuly as occation shall present

the Comite Assembled at time & place Accordinge to order

At A Metinge of ye free Inhabitants of portsmoth Septembar ye 29th 1660

M^r^ william Baulston Chosen Modrator for this day

M^r^ william Baulston Mr John portar m^r^ philip tabor Mr John Sanford Mr Thomas Laiton m^r^ James Sands are Chosen Comitionars for ye Next Court at worwick

James Sands Thomas Laiton & philip Tabor are Chosen Jury men to sarue ~~vpon~~ at ye Court of tryalls

Anthony Emery william Stanyard & John Brigs Junyor are Receued free Inhabitants of this towne

[**102**] Charles the second by ye Grace of god Kinge of England Scotland France & Iorland and the Dominyons there of:

wos in a most sollem maner proclaimed in the towne of portsmouth: vpon the 24th day of Octobar and in the 12th yere of his Magesties Raine

God Saue the Kinge

At A towne Metinge of the free inhabetants of portsmoth hilld the 27th of Decembar 1660

Mr william Baulston is chosen Moderator for that day
Votted that a Lettar shall be Reed sent from william Hall about the Comons

Voted highway

It is further ordered that the highway betwen portsmoth and Newport shall be of the same bredth that it is so fare as our towne Limets Extendeth only a Narrow place betwen the land of Heaber Sherman and philep Tabor is to be inlearged if the Inhabitants Can preuaile with the said Hebar, he beinge in Learged anothere way for the same

Voted highway

Ordred that the highway goinge downe by Captin Morris his Land shall be Remoued, and Laid betwen the land which petar taulmond bought of Danill Willcock and Lott Strainge his land three poul broud and the said petar Taulmond is to maintaine for Euer halfe Lott Strainge his side fence against the highway So that the towns men may haue free Egres and Regres vpon all occations

Voted Genorall Sargant

Ordred that James Rogares Genorall Seargant shall be paid twenty fower shillings out of the towne tresury by the Tresurar

Voted highway

Ordred that Mr John Roome Mr John Brigs Leftenant John Albrow Frances Braiton and James badcock are Chosen to Meet vpon the third day of Janeuary Next who are to Order all the highwayes and to see them Recorded

Voted Rails

Ordred that the presedent Shall haue two thousand of Railes which are Cleft out for him with in this township as a gratuety from our towne

At a Meetinge of the free inhabetants of portsmoth Janeuary the 5th 1660

Votted Orderinge highwayes

Mr william Baulston is Chosen Modrator for that day, Mr John Brigs Next in Voat

for as much as there wos fiue men Chosen at a Meetinge ye 27th of Decembar who were to order all ye highwayes belonginge to ye towne of portsmoth and to see them all Recorded, it is furthar Ordred at this meetinge that all or so many of the afore said fiue men which shall performe that searuice shall be paid three shillinge a day apece for Eury day thay are vpon that searuice to be paid by the tresurar out of the towne tresury when the worke is don

Ordered that the Genorall Court orderes Made at worwicke 1660 shall not be publeshed in this Assembly becaus thay were not Legaly presented to the townes men

Votted [ ]eeting

Ordered that there shall be An assembly of the free inhabetants of this towne vpon ye 12th day of this instant Month of Janeuary to take an accoumpt of whot our suruayors haue don about our highways and our line betwen Newport towne & portsmoth, who are to bringe there Result vndar there hands yt it may be Recorded [103]

Votted

for as Much as there hath bin of Late sum Inthrution vpon part of our towneship by sum of Newport men who have altred our line and laid out an othere Contrary to whot is spesefied vpon Records betwen both townes and our free inhabetants of our towne of portsmoth hauinge taken Speshall Notes there of,

for the presaruation of peace and the Romouall of disorder haue Chosen and ordred Mr william Baulston Mr John portar Captin Thomas Cooke Lefftenant John Albrow Mr John Sanford Mr
Line philip Sherman william wodall and william Hall who are to Meet vpon the 10th day of this Instant month Janeuary by Eight of the Clock in the morninge at the howse of Bartholmew west and then to Reuiue the ould Line and to Run it as it is Recorded betwen both ye townes and to bringe to the Next towne meetinge whot thay haue don which metinge is to be vpon the Satarday followinge that so it may be Recorded

Votted Ordred that the towne Clarke shall write a lettar and send it to the head warden of the towne of Newport to intreat him to signifie vnto there towne the Intention of the towne of ports-
Lettar moth that thay are Resolued to Renew there owld line betwen both townes vpon thirsday Next beinge the tenth day of Janeuary and if they pleas som of them may giue vs a Meetinge vpon that day at the place apointed

Votted ffor as much as there wos sum diffrence betwen Hugh parsons and sum otheres about a highway it beinge brought to the free inhabetants for them to determin it is by them ordred that there
highway shall be a highway fower Rood wide on the south Laid out to Captin John Cranston Joyninge vpon John wods his land, and all so a highway of fower Rood wide betwen the land of Thomas Layton and the said Land and Hugh parsons is to haue that land lyinge betwen the land of Thomas Kent and the said Land laid out to Captin John Cranston in full Satisfaction for the highway and this is to be dun by the ouar seeares with Hugh parsons and to Returne it to the towne vndar there hands to be Recorded

Voted ffor as much as there hath bin seurall Complaints by diuers of the free inhabetants of the towne of portsmoth for that there

timbar hath bin verey great distruction of timbar vpon the Comon and that diuars haue sould and Conuayed the same to othere parts out of this towneship to the great Ruens of the Comons the free inhabetants of this towne hauinge taken it in to there Serious Considration and findinge it to be Repugnant to the freedoms and Comon Right of the inhabetants of this towne of portsmoth haue by voat

Ordred that no parson or parsons whot so Euer inhabitant or fariner shall Directly or indirectly fell or Caus to be felled or Cut downe any timbar for buldinge fencinge or firinge vpon the Comon to transport to any othere place out of this towneship of portsmoth and he that shall Cut or transport or Caus the same to be don shall forfit to the towne tresuere[ ] for Eury tree or part of a tree fiue pounds

it is ordered that ye highway goinge downe by Captine morris his land shall be Remoued and laid out betwen the land which m^r Talman bought of Daniell wilcocks and Lott Strainge his land three poll wide and the said peter Talman is to mainetaine for Euer halfe lot Strainge his side fence against the high way that ye towns men may haue free Egres and Regres to the water side vpon all occations

[**104**] At a Meetinge of ye free inhabitants of ye towne of portsmoth Janauery ye 12th 1660

Mr John Room is Chosen Moderator for that day

Votted Dyers Island for as much as that there wos graunted to m^r Thomas Cornell Senyor the grass of that Island Comonly Cauled by the Name of Dyers Island the said Thomas Cornill beinge desseased the said graunt is made voyde and that the grass of the said Iland is graunted vnto John Albrow and william Corry for ye yeare inshuinge

Joseph Martin & George Twte are Admited inhabitants amongst vs

Votted land is forfited

ffor as Much as that there wos Conditionly graunted to m^r Thomas Cornell senyor a small parcill of land next to m^r william Baulstons Garden or land on the Northwest End tell he or som othere showld sett up a brew howse or backe howse vpon the same, the said thomas Cornell Senyor not parforminge the said Conditions, but beinge desseaced the said graunt is forfitted and the said land is to be Rezined vp to the townes vse by the 25th day of march Next inshuinge the date here of

Votted highway

ffor as much as that there is a highway in Closed betwen m^r william Baulstons medow and william freeborns medow so that Cattill are depriued of the benifit of that springe the towne hath ordred the said highway to be laid open fower Rood wide downe to the Ditch

Votted Line

It is Ordred that Captin Thomas Cooke Leftenant John Albrow william wodall & william Hall are apointed to survay all our land about our line which Newport men posseses and to straighten ye line, and to bringe in there accoumpt to the towne whot thay have don for which searuice thay are to be paid 3 shillings aday apece out of the towne Tresury

[**105**] William Baker did Exhibit a pettion to the free inhabitants that thay would be pleased to take his sheep in to there owne hands as there owne, and that thay would be pleased to Contrebute to his Nesesaty for that his owne abillety failes him

Janeuary ye 12th 1660 William Baker

Votted Will Baker

The towne haue Axcapted the pettion of william Baker, and haue agreed with Hinory Pearcey to keep the said william for on

yeare and the said Hinory percey is to be paid Eight pounds after the Rats of wompom 8 ℘ peny for william Bakers diat & lodgin for the said yeare

Votted sheep

Vpon ye afore said Accoumpt the free inhabitants thought good to Constetute william wodall to Receue those sheep which wos william Bakers and allso the free Contrebution of the townsmen and to dispose of ye same for the painge of Hinory perceye or othere wayes as he shall see Cous for ye good of the said william baker

It is Ordred that ye towne Clarke shall write a lettar to signifie to Newport men that it is our intention to straighten our line and to dessire them to send some of there men to giue vs a meetinge vpon monday Come fortnight folloinge

At a Meetinge of ye free inhabatants of portsmoth ye second day of march 1660

M^r william Baulston Chosen Moderator for y^t day
M^r william Almy M^r philip Sherman m^r Richard Burden are Chosen Graun Jury men to sarue at the Genorall Court of tryalls at providence
m^r Thomas Layton Edward fishar & John Tilar are Chosen to searue vpon ye petty Jury at the same Court [**106**]

[ ]dward ffishar

Voted to lay downe land

Mr John portar and william Hall are ordred to signifie to Edward ffishar that the Inhabitants of this towne are offended for that he hath taken in som land belonginge to the Common and to Require him to lay it downe againe to the Common, thay are to speake with him with in 14 dayes after the date here of and to Returne his Answer at the Next assembly of the free Inhabittants of this towne

Thomas Cornell land is forfited

ffor as much as that there is an Ordar bearinge date Janeuary ye 12th, 1660 that a Condishonall graunt of a small pece of land beinge west or North west of m^r william baulstons land in the towne beinge graunted to m^r Thomas Cornell deceased should be surrendred to the towns vse by the 25th day of march inshuinge which ordar wos not performed by his sonne Thomas Cornell in whous possesion the said land wos, there fore it is ordred by this asembly that m^r Richard burden Leftenant John Albro & william Hall shall with in 14 dayes afare the date of this ordar speake with Thomas Cornell Junyor and Requiar him to lay open the said land to the Comon, and to Retorne his answer at the Next assembly of the free inhabitants of this towne which land is laid open as Comon to ye towns vse

Votted

More ouar at the same Assembly it is ordred that the afore said m^r Burden Leftenant Albro & william Hall are apointed to signifie with in 14 dayes to philep Tabor Thomas Cooke senyor Thomas Cooke Junyor and Thomas Cornell that thay shall not inJoy that parcill of land that is betwen m^r Brentons land and there land with out thay will lay downe so much of there owne land at the vpar End of there lotts and the afore said m^r Burden with Leftenant Albro and william hall are ordred to lay it out if the said Thomas Cooke philip tabor and the Rest be willin othere wise thay are to Returne there answer at the next assembly of the free inhabitants of this towne

highway almy

and that it is the minde of the ffree inhabitants of this towne that there shall be a way betwene william Almy his land & philip Shermans to the springe: and the said lotters are ordred to speake with m^r Almy about it and to bringe his Answer to the townsmen

[**107**] At a towne meetinge of ye free Inhabitants of ye towne of portsmoth May ye 11th, 1661

Mr william baulston is Chosen Moderator for this day
Mr John Portar Mr John Albro mr Edward ffisher Mr Samwell wildbore Mr william Hall mr John Sanford are Chosen Comitioners for this towne of portsmoth to searue vpon ye Next Comition Court

Votted that vpon ye Complaint of mr Thomas Brownell at the towne meetinge afore said against mr John Portar about a small parcell of land which wos in diffrance betwen them it is Ordred that Mr John Roome Mr John Sanford Mr John Brigs James badcocke ffrances Braiton all fiue or any three of them are by veartew of a towne ordar bearinge date ye 11th of may 1661 to meet and to make an End of ye diffrance which is betwen mr John portar and mr Thomas Brownell about there line which is in Controvercy or othere bounds of land which is in Question betwen them, accordinge to ye Records, and not only for them, but for all othere diffrences of the like Nature betwen man & man amongst vs, and that these fiue or any three of them shall Ishew ye Cause and bringe there Result to ye towne

The Result

[108] Wee whose Names are here vnder subscribed beinge Chosen and Authorized by ye Townsmen of portsmoth, at there Lawfull meetinge, to Straighten the line, and Sett the trew bownds betwene the land of mr John Porter, & the land of mr Thomas Brownell, Latly Richard Carders, & to straighten the Rest of the said line aboue mr porters land at Round meddow There fore wee hauinge well veiwed the Line & seriously Considred ye Records there abouts, haue Accordinge to the best of our Judgments & Vndarstandings impartialy Run the said Line as followeth Viz Next ye sea it is bownded by A stake Standinge on the East side of mr Brownells now Standinge fence, the second marke is anothere stake standinge allso on the Eastward or meddow side of the now standinge fence, the third is about

Porters farm

three foout on the Eastward or meddow side of A dead Snagwood tree, the forth is A maple tree standinge on the Eastward side of the fence, the fifth marke is a beach tree standinge on the Eastward side of the fence and Neere m^r porters head line, the Sixt Marke is an ould dead stump standing with in ye land which william wilbor Clames, the seuenth is a white Oake Standinge on the Comon side of william wilbors head line, the Eight and last is a winde falen birch tree which is the vpermost Corner, And to this aboue writen thay subscribe there Names the first of Octobar 1661

John Brigs
John Sanford
James Badcock
frances Brayton

The same day Thomas Kent towne sargant presented seuen bills to the assembly who aproued of them and ordred the towne tresurer to pay him forty two shilings and six pence for warninge towne meetings and Comitioners and Jury men

[**109**] At a meetinge of the free inhabitants of portsmoth June the third 1661

M^r william Baulston wos Chosen moderator that day
The Genorall Court orders Reed and publeshed
A lettar presented about sendinge an Agent to England
Mr John Room Chosen Towne warden for that yeare
m^r John Briggs deputy warden for that yeare
Richard Bulgar Towne Clarke for that yeare
m^r william Baulston Towne tresurar for that yeare
Thomas Genengs towne Sargent for that yeare
Richard Sisan James Badcocke and Hinory percey are Chosen Cunstables for that yeare and ingaged
m^r william Baulston m^r John Room m^r John Briggs m^r John

Sanford Leftenant John Albro m^r John tripp are Chosen to be the towne Counsill for that yeare

ffor as much as that m^r John Sanford did Exhibet a bill of fiue pound thirten shillings to this Assembly which wos dew to him for searuis don for this towne this Assembly hath ordred that he shall be paid by the towne tresurar out of the tresury mony

ffor as much as there wos a Rate made by order of the free inhabittants of this towne for the deffrainge of publick and Comon Charges and that sum haue paid in there mony and otheres haue not there fore it is ordred that Eury on that haue paid in there money shall haue it Returned to them againe and that anothere Rate is to be made

Vpon that day Richard Bulgar the towne Clarke did present to the free inhabitants of this towne then asembled a bill of twenty shillings for searuis don for the towne which bill wos aproued and there fore ordred that it should be paid by the towne tresurer out of the tresury

[**110**] The same day m^r william Baulston Tresurar did Exhibet his Accounts to the Assembly thay Refer the Accounts to m^r John portar leftenant John albrow and william hall to be Audiated the Auditars doe finde the tresurs Accoumpt to be Just and trew accoumpts there fore the Assembly Acapts of them and the towne Remains debtor to the tresurer forty shillings

ffor as much as that all or most of the Records which are belonginge to this towne are at this presant time in the Custedy of m^r Thomas Cornill late towne Clarke who is Remouinge out of this Colony with his family there fore we the free inhabitants now assembled doe order and by these presents Authorise Richard Bulgar towne Clarke to demaund and Receue all the

afore said writings and Records that are in the possetion of the said Thomas Cornill and to giue him a discharge for the same

Mr Hinory Percey and frances Braiton are Chosen Serchers for prohibeted wine and strong watars

Vpon the vntimly death of Richard Elles

Richard Elles beinge drounded and Cast vpon the shore on prudenc Iland Information beinge giuen to the magestrat the Crounars inquest beinge paneled thay made inquirey hou he Came by his death vpon the Eight day of August 1661 and the inquest found that he the said Richard Elles wos drounded by stres of wethar Axedentually

The Names of the Crouner and Inquest

Mr William Baulston Crouner

Mr John Room foreman	Anthony Emory
Mr John Briggs	william Bellinge
Mr pettar Talmon	Richard Bulgar
Mr Lott Strainge	Jariard Borden
Mr John Albrow	Henory Lake
Mr Samwell Sanford	James Badcock

[111] At a Metinge of the free inhabitants of the Towne of portsmoth vpon the twenty fourth day of August 1661

Votd ffor that day mr John Roome wos Chosen Moderator

Votd The Sargents worent Reed in the Assembly and aproued of Comitioners Chosen that day

Mr william Baulston,	mr Peter Talman
Voted mr John Roome,	mr John Brigs
mr Thomas Lawton,	mr John Tripp, all

six Chozen to searue vpon a Court of Comitioners hilld at portsmoth

At a mettinge of the ffree inhabitants of the Towne of portsmoth Octobar the first 1661

Votted Mr William Baulston wos Chozen moderator for that day
Voted The Sargents worent Reed and aproued of by the Assembly
Graun Jury men Chosen to searue vpon
the Genorall Court of trialls to be hilld
at portsmoth
Votted Mr John Porter, m^r Samull Wilbor ffrances Braiton
pettey Jury men vpon
the same Court
Votted Mr William Almy, m^r Thomas Lawton James Badcock

That ye lotters are to Run the line at the vper End of that land
Votted which wos m^r Aspenalls, but Now in the possesion of Edward Hutchinsonn from Corner tree to Corner tree, to see if he hath not intrenched or in Croched, vpon that land that wos laid out to Ralph Couland for the vse of Sarah Grenman

The Towne did Order ye lotters that thay should see whot land
Votted wos wontinge to Sarah Greenman and to make it vp in sum Conveinant place the highwaies only are to be Researued

[**112**] At a Mettinge of ye ffree inhabitants of the towne of portsmoth ffeburary the 24th 1661

Votted M^r william Baulston was Chosen moderator for y^t day
Votted The Sargents worrent Reed in the Assembly y^t day
Votted Graune Jury men Chosen, Lefftenant John Albro
m^r Thomas Brownell
Edward ffisher
Votted pettey Jury men Chosen. m^r John Porter
ffrances Braiton
John Tripp

Votted it is Ordred by this Assembly of the free inhabitants of portsmoth that a debt of sixten pounds ten shillings shall be paid to m^r Ben[ ]dick Arnall

Votted it is Ordered that a debt of three pounds ten shillings shall be paid to James Rogers Genarall Sargent

Votted it is Ordered that m^r John Sanford is to be paid fiue pounds thirten shillings

Votted it is Ordered that Richard Bulgar is to be paid twenty shillings

Votted it is Ordered that Henery perceye is to be paid twelue pounds for the keepinge of william Baker this Next yeare insueinge to be paid Quarterly in wompom at Eight ꝑ peney

Votted Rate of 45* Ordered that A Rate is to be made of forty fiue pounds, and m^r william Baulston m^r Phillep Sherman m^r John Sanford Lefftenant John Albro, are the men apointed to make the said Rate, vpon land and Estats in the Equallest and Impartiallest way thay Can, at the Rats of wompom Eight ꝑ peney, phillip Tabar and Thomas Ginengs is to gathar it in by the last of march Next affter the date here of aboue writen

At A Meetinge of the ffree inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmoth may the tweluth 1662

Votted Mr William Baulston wos Chozen Moderator for that day

Votted The Towne sargents worrent Reed and aproved of by the Assembly

Votted the Genrall Sargants worent Reed that day and aproved of by ye Assembly

Votted the Rate which wos Ordered to be made ffeburary the 24th 1661

* The words "of 45" are in different ink.

is this day ordered to be Reed to this Assembly, and by them it is Confirmed, and is to be gathred in by Thomas Ginienges towne Sargent, and hugh Parsons, and to deliuer the said Rate in to the hands of m^r william Baulston towne Tresurer betwen the day of the date aboue writen and the Next Towne meetinge, for which searues thay are to be paid thirty shillings by the towne Tresurer

Rate

Votted This day Thomas Durfey wos Admitted An Inhabitant of this towne

[113] It wos Ordered by this Assembly that Henery Pearceye is to be paid a bill of 04 l – 11 sh – 00 out of the Rate, which mony is to be paid by the tresurer of this towne when the Rate mony Coms in to his hands, which bill is for Charges about william Baker

Votted

Votted It is ordered that for wotchinge with william Baker in the time of his sicknes John Tifft and John Basly is to be satisfied, with part of william Bakers Clothes, Accordinge to there owne Request

Votted

Captin John Sanford
Mr Petter Talman
Mr John Porter
Mr William Baulston
Mr Thomas Lawton
Mr Robart Hazard

are Chosen Comitioners to searue at the Court of Comitioners to be hilld at worwicke vpon the 20th day of this Instant month of may

Votted

It is Ordered that ye Tresurer Shall hier a boat to Carie the Comitioners to the Court to be hilld at worwicke, and to bringe them home againe and to pay for the boats hier out of the tresury mony

At a Meetinge of the free inhabitants of the towne of Portsmoth Jun the second 1662 for Electinge of Towne Officers

Mr william Baulston wos Chosen moderator for that day
The Sargents warent Reed and aproved of by the Assembly
Mr John Room wos Chosen head warden for that yeare
Mr John Sanford wos Chosen Deputy warden for that yeare
Richard Bulgar wos Chosen towne Clarke for that yeare
Mr william Baulston Chosen Tresurer for that yeare
Thomas Ginenges wos Chosen Towne Sargent for that yeare
Mr John Tripp
Mr Lott Strainge } Added to the towne Counsell for that yeare
Lefft John Albro
Henery Pearceye
Phillip Tabar } ware Chosen Constables for that yeare and
Hugh parsons Ingaged

vpon the same day mr Petter Talman and Edward Blunt were Admitted free inhabitants of this towne of portsmoth

Mr John Sanford and ffrances Braton wos Chosen for that yeare to suruay all the Cattill that are to be transported out of the presinques of this towne of portsmoth, Accordinge to a precedent order

ordered that the towne Clarke is to be paid out of ye Rate for searuis 01 l —00 s —00 d that ye Sargant is to be paid out of the Rate for 10 bills presented by him and aproved of by the Assembly 02 l — 00 s — 00 d

[114] At a meetinge of the free inhabitants of the Towne of portsmoth July the 7th 1662

Votted Mr John Sanford wos Chosen Moderator for that day
The Sargents warent publeshed
The Genrall Court Orders publeshed and aproued of by the Assembly

Votted Rate It wos Ordered by voate of the free inhabitants of the towne of portsmoth that the Remainder of the last Rate which is vnpaid if it be denied by those that are to pay it, vpon the demaund of the Constable, then the Constable is by veartew of a warent vnder the magestrats hand to leuie it by distraint

Votted Rate It wos Ordered by votte of the free inhabitants of the Towne of portsmoth that 55 pound ten shillings, shall be gathred by the way of a Rate, Accordinge to the last Genrall Court order, for the suply of mr John Clarke our Agent in England,

Votted Rate more ovar it wos ordered and votted by the free inhabitants of ye towne of portsmoth, that fiue men should be Chosen to make to make the aforesaid Rate, and that thay or the mayger part of them, shall make the said Rate Accordinge to the best of there Judgments, vpon lands and Estats, and the said Rate is to be made with in one month after the date of this present meetinge, the men that are Chosen to make the afore said Rate are mr Phillip Sherman, mr John Sanford, Robart Hazard, Edward fisher and Phillip Tabar, and that these fiue men or the maygor part of them shall take in to there Custedie the towne stock, Either Cattill or sheep and make saile of them, and deduct so much as thay amount vnto out of the Rate and make the Rate so much the less

At a meetinge of the free inhabitants of the towne of Portsmoth August the 25th 1662

Votted Mr John Sanford wos Chosen moderator for that day

Votted The Sargents warant Reed in the meetinge and aproued by the Assembly

Votted The Towne Counsells lettar from Newport publickly Reed that day in the Assembly

At a meetinge of the free inhabitants of the towne of Portsmoth Septembr the 29th 1662

Mr william Baulston wos Chosen Moderator for that day
The towne Sargents worant publickly Reed in the Assembly that day

Mr william Baulston
Mr John Brigs
Votted Mr John Tripp
Mr Samuell wilbor
Mr John Sanford
Mr Thomas Brownell
were Chosen Comitioners to searue vpon the Next Genorall Court of Comitioners to be hilld at the towne of worwicke

Graun Jury men
Votted Mr Samuell wilbor
Mr Thomas Brownell
Mr John Tripp
ware that day Chosen Graun Jury men to searue vpon the Court of trialls at worwicke

Pettey Jury men
John Almy, frances Braiton and mr Thomas Lawton
Votted

[**115**] At a Meetinge of the free inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmoth Decembar ye third 1662

Mr william Baulston wos Chosen Moderator for that day
The Sargents worant Reed in the Assembly that day
That day Peter folger late of martins Vinyard presented to the
peter free inhabitants of this towne of portsmoth a lease of house and
folger land from william Corry, the Assembly doth graunt that the said peter folger shall haue a beinge amongst vs during the terme of the saide lease

Votted henery Eiues

The free inhabitants of this towne hath lent vnto Henory Eiues & his wife one Acre of land Adioynenge to that land thay Now liue vpon, duringe both there liues, and when thay are both of them dead, the said Acre of land is to returne to the towne againe the said Acre of land is to be laid out by william Hall and Thomas fish

Votted Court orders

The Orders made by the Court of Comitioners at the Generall Court hilld at worwicke were publeshed and Aproued by vs the free inhabitants of the towne of portsmoth

Votted Rate 76 pound

The Same day Assembly of the free inhabitants of the towne of portsmoth did Order by Votte that a Rate of 76 pounds and two shillings shall be made, and that m^r william Baulston Captin John Sanford and william wodall were Chosen by Voate to make the said Rate with in twenty dayes after the date of this present meetinge

Votted James Sands

it is ordered by the free inhabitants of this towne that the Tresurer shall pay vnto James Sands, all that the said James Can proue dew to him, for lodginge and diatt for william Baker, which the towne Vndertooke for to pay

At a Mettinge of the free inhabitants of the towne of Portsmoth, Decembar the 19th 1662

M^r william Baulston wos Chosen Moderator for that day
The Towne Sargents worant publeshed and Reed in the meetinge

Votted Rate 76^l—02^s—00

ffor as much as there is an order bearinge date Decembar the third 1662 that a Rate of 76^l — 02^sh — 00 should be made, for m^r John Clarkes suply in England, and that there wos three men Chosen to make the aforesaid Rate, the Assembly hath ordered

that two men more be added to the former three Namely Leftenant John Albro and Robart Hazard All fiue or the mayior parte of them are to make the said Rate with in 14 dayes after the date of this meetinge

Votted Receuers

[116] It was that day Ordered by Votte that three men be Chosen and apointed to Receue the afore said Rate of 76l–02–00 which is to be brought in to them by the inhabitants the men that are Chosen are mr william Balston mr John Sanford and mr George Lawton, who are apointed to be the towns Receuars vpon that Accounpt

Votted

It wos further ordered that day by the free inhabitants of the Towne of portsmoth that Richard Bulgar Towne Clarke, shall goe to all the Inhabitants of this towne, whoe are Concerned in this Rate, and to giue them Notis whot Each man is Ratted, and to apointe them to bringe in pay within 20 dayes after Notis giuen to the afore said three men whoe are apointed to Receue it, and if any Shall Refuse to bringe in there pay, a warent is to goe forth to distraine for it, and sutch Refusers is to pay the Charges for that troble

Votted

It wos further Ordered by vs the free inhabitants of the Towne of of the Towne of Portsmoth, that mr william Baulston mr John Portar, mr Phillip Sherman, mr John Sanford, and william wodall or the mayior parte of them, are Authorized to goe to Newport and there to treate with Newport men, about our line and accoumpts and haue full power to Ishew that diffrence, betwene them and vs Leftenant John Albro is put in mr Shermans place

Votted

It wos ordered that day that william wilbor is to haue an Adition of land laide out to his land he now posseseth, which is in Considration of sume land the towne tooke from him, which is by Estemation three Quarters of an Acre, to be laid out by

the same men that tooke it from him, Namly m^r John Roome m^r John Sanford John Briggs frances Brayton and James Badcocke Senyor or by the mayior part of them

At a Meetinge of the free inhabitants of the towne of portsmoth the last day of feburerey 1662

Votted Mr John Roome wos Chosen moderator for that day
Votted The Sargants worant Reed in the meetinge that day

Votted m^r william Almy, Edward Lay, Christopher Almy were that day Chosen Graun Jury men

Votted Lott Strainge, Adam mott, Jeosheua Coggshall were that day Chosen pettey Jury men

Votted fence Votted that all out fences that are fower foout and a halfe high shall be Judged sufitient fences, provided that there be not aboue fower Inshes distance betwen Each Raile, from the lower Raile to the fourth Raile, beinge sufishently Staked and pould

Concerning ffences*

[117] It wos Ordered that day that m^r John Sanford shall Votted pay to the Towne Sargant 30 shillings, if he haue so much of the Towns money in his hands, and that m^r Baulston is to demaund it in the behalfe of the Sargent

At a meetinge of the free inhabitants of the towne of portsmoth march the 16th 1662 or 63

Votted Mr John Roome wos Chosen moderator for that day
Votted The Towne Sargants worant Reed that day
The Towne for sume months past hauinge made diuers orders

*"Concerning ffences" is in different ink and handwriting.

Votted for the makinge of a Rate, and findinge that which is brought forth for a Rate to be dissagreable to the minds and intents of the towne, doe forbid it to pass any further, and doe here by giue order, that whot hath bin paied in vpon the accoumpt there of, shall be Returned to them that haue paid it

Ordered and voted that for as much as wee the free inhabitants of Portsmoth doe finde that there is a deffect in the Rate, ordered
Votted the last meetinge about m^r Clarkes suply to the Barbados, wee doe Repele the afore said order, and Votte and agree, that there shall be another Rate made of 76 l — 02 s — 03 for the suply of m^r John Clarke in England, which Rate is to be Equally Leuied vpon all the inhabitants of Portsmoth or the presinqus of the said Towne and vpon the townes Stock, to make vp the said Rate, and this Rate is to be made within fower months after the date here of

Lott Strainge, William Wodall William Hall, Robart Hazard
Votted and Phillip Tabar, ware Chosen to make the aboue said Rate thay or the mayior part of them
*yee are to take the towne Stock in to your hands to make vp the said Rate

At a meetinge of the free inhabitants of the towne of portsmoth may the fifth 1663

Votted Mr John Roome wos Chosen moderator for that day
Votted The Sargents worant publeshed and aproued of that day
lettar A lettar from our Neighbors of patuxet that day Reed in the Assembly
It wos ordered that day that m^r John Sanford, william Hall and Christopher Almy Shall take the Accoumpts of the last Rates
Votted which wos gathered for the prison of all the gathrers, and of

* These two lines are written in the same ink used for the next entry.

whot is Come in to the tresury, and whot is paid out, and that mr Baulston Shall pay to mr Arnall in wompom at 12 ℔ peny so fare as that mony will goe

Votted

mr william Baulston Tresurer hath power to sell the townes Cow that is in his hands for wompom or other pay which mony is to be towards the paiment of mr Arnall

[118] At A meetinge of ye free inhabitants of the towne of portsmoth for ye Ellectinge of towne officers June ye first 1663

officers Chosen

Mr william Baulston wos Chosen moderater for that day
The Sargants worent that day wos Reed and aproued of
Mr John Roome Chosen head worden that yeare and Ingaged
Mr John Sanford Chosen Deputy warden for that yeare and Ingaged
Richard Bulgar Chosen Towne Clarke for that yeare and Ingaged
Mr william Baulston Chosen Tresurer for that yeare
Thomas Geninges Chosen Towne Sargent for that yeare and Ingaged

Leftenant John Albro
Mr John Briges
and william wodall
} Chosen to be of ye Towne Councill for yt yeare

Cunstabls Chosen

Edward ffisher
Thomas waite
Adam Mott
} were Chosen Cunstables for that yeare

Survaiors of Cattell Chosen

Mr John Sanford and
frances Braiton
} Chosen Survaiors of all such Cattell as are to be transported from this towne to goe of from the Island to any other place

the tresu^r accounts past

The same day Mr William Baulston Tresurer did Exhibit his Accoumpts to the Assembly thay Excapt of them and there Rests dew to him from ye towne fower pence

Mr Sanford to thomas Ginengs 02 : 12 : 06

Where as there wos an order of this Towne at a meetinge hilld the 28th of ffeburery 1662 where in John Sanford wos ordered to pay to Thomas Gininges 30 shillings, it is further ordered at this present meetinge that the said John Sanford shall pay the said 30 shillings, and shall also pay 22 shillings Six pence more which is in all 52 shillings and 6 pence out of that in his hands of the townes Stocke which Sum is in full for his Searuice as as towne Sargent this last yeare beinge the yeare 1662

[119] Order Concerninge Rams*

It was Ordered the same day that In Consideration of the greate losses Sustained by the inhabitants of this towne, by Reson of the greate Negligence in many persons, for not takinge there Sheepe Rames from the Ewes in Seasonable time, It is there fore Ordered, that if any person or persons doe after the 10th day of August next and betwene that and the 10th of Nouembur Anually finde any sheepe Rames one the Comon belonginge to this towne or any part of it It Shall be lawfull for such person or persons, at any time here after, with in the afore said times, to take such Rame or Rames and kill them, and shall haue the one halfe there of to them selues and Shall Returne the othere halfe to the owner or owners of such Rame or Rames, and if the owner or Owners of the said Rame or Rames be not at that present knowne, the person or persons so killinge such Rame or Rames may make vse of the whole, all waies provided that when the owner or owners are knowne, then Restetution is to be made to him or them for the one halfe, It is also provided and ordered

Rames to kill

* These three words are in a handwriting different from the rest of the page.

that any such person or persons findinge and killinge any such Rame or Rames shall deuly and faithfuly make due and true publication of ye Naturall and arttificiall markes of Eury such Rame or Rames so taken and killed Either at a towne meetinge, or by a writinge vpon the publicke post, or at the mill, that there by the owner of the said Rame or Rames may be Knowne

At a Meetinge of ye free inhabitants of ye Towne of portsmoth June ye 24th 1663

Mr John Sanford wos Chosen Moderator for y^t day
the towne Sargants worent Reed
the Orders of ye Court hilld at Providence may ye 12th 1663 publeshed in ye towne assembly
the Genorall Recorders lettar Reed for a debt of 3 l — 08 sh — 04 d
dew for Copies
the meeting disalued by Voat

At a meetinge of ye free inhabitants of ye towne of portsmoth Nouember ye 7th 1663

M^r william Baulston Chosen Moderator for y^t day
The Towne sargants worant Reed
it is Ordred that John Sanford william Hall & Lott Strainge shall Audiate all ye Accoumpts of ye last Rate for ye prison of all ye gatherars, and of whot is Com in to ye tresury and whot is paid out, and that ye tresurer shall pay to m^r Arnald in wompom at 12 ℔ peney so fare as ye wompom will goe, & that thay are for this end to meet vpon tusday Com seuen Night followinge

Agreement

[**120**] It is Ordered that ye Agreement between Newport and portsmoth about ye line between the two townes is to be Recorded in ye booke of land Euidences and ye origenall Copie to be with ye said booke

booke to figure

It is Ordered y^t ye towne Clarke Richard Bulgar is to figure Eury leafe in order of ye booke of land Euidences and is to be paid for doinge of it

The meetinge is Reiurned tell tusday
morninge Eight of the Clocke
Tusday ye 10th of Nouembr

The Genorall Court Orders Reed in ye Assembly

goe to Newport

Ordered y^t m^r Baulston & m^r Sanford are Chosen to goe to Newport to see if thay Can procure any man that will pay 17^l—10 sh for ye towne and to treate vpon ye best tearms thay Can and to bringe ye Result to the towne by them to be aproued of

driue ye Iland

for as much as that there is very greate distruction of sheep by wolues or other vearmin for ye preuention of which it is Ordred that vpon Satharday Next if it be faire wether, if not then vpon ye monday followinge and if y^t be foule wether then vpon ye wensday Next the Iland shall be driuen

At a Meetinge of ye ffree inhabitants of ye Towne of Portsmoth Novembar the 17th 1663

Ordered that ye towne Clarke shall putt it to Vott whether there shall be a moderator Chosen this day or not
Votted there shall be a moderator Chosen this day
M^r william Balston is Chosen moderator for this day
The Genorall Sargents worrant Reed for ye Caulinge of a Court of Comitioners to be hilld at Newport
the towne Seargents worrant Reed

a Rate to make

It is Ordred that three men be Chosen who are here by Autherized to make a Rate, for so much to be paid by this towne that Shall make vp ye sum of Seuenten pounds ten shillings in Currant monies in England for m^r John Clarks suply, and this Rate to be forthwith made, and ye pearsons y^t make ye Rate

knowinge who ye pearsons are that doe Effect the Suddin paiment of ye said mony, shall Signifie in ye said Rate to whom Each man shall bringe in his Rate and this Rate to be brought in by Each man [**121**] with in one months time after this meetinge
the men Chosen to make the said Rate is m^r william Baulston John Sanford & Robart hazard all or any two of them agreeinge shall be Authenticke

It is allso ordered that the said Rate is to be made as Equaly as may be one mens whole Estats with in this Towneship and when ye Rate is made Thomas Ginnings is to Aquainte Each party whot he is Rated and to whom he shall pay it

proc ure Ordered that m^r william Baulston John Sanford John Almy w^t such others as thay Can procure to lay downe present pay for ye towns vse for painge the fore said sume, shall treate with m^r Joseph wise or others for Effectinge the afore said sum in England and the towne are to beare ye hazard and Charge of Transportinge Cattle in Efectinge ye premises

Ordred y^t Thomas Gininges is to be paid out of ye towne tresury 20 shillings for worninge towne meetings
ordred y^t John Anthony shall be paid 30 shillings out of ye towne tresury for firinge & Candle and other troble in ye time of ye Courts

At a meetinge of ye free inhabitants of ye towne of Portsmoth Decembar the 23, 1663

20^l Votted that ye 20^l deliured by m^r Sanford & John Almy to bartholmew west to be paid in England to m^r John Clarke or to his order for ye vse of ye towne of portsmoth is this day aproued of

Recait ordered that ye Recaite of ye aboue said 20^l vnder ye hand of ye aboue said Bartholmew west, is this day deliured in to ye hands of ye towne Clarke by him to be kept with ye Rest of ye towne Records

ordred that m^r John Sanford is to be paid 4^l for his goinge to boston upon ye towns searuice for his time & Expences vpon ye aboue said accoumpt

[**122**] Ordred that m^r John ~~Sanford~~ Almy is to be paid 35 shillings more for driuinge Cattle to boston & 5 shillings paid by him to Bartholmew west

ordred that ye towne Clarke shall be paid out of ye towne tresury for seruice don for ye towne — 01 — 10 — 00 (l — s — d)

Rate to make ordred that ye afore said three men Chosen the last meetinge or any two of them agreeinge are againe Authorized to make the afore said Rate of 17^l 10 shillings which is to be sent to m^r John Clarke to England as it is spesified in another Order made the last meetinge

accoum pt ordred that william wodell & Lott Strainge are to take an accoumpt of m^r Sanford of the townes Stock

At a Meetinge of ye free inhabitants of ye towne of portsmoth ffeburary ye 17th 1663

M^r william Baulston is Chosen Moderator for that day
the towne Sargents worant Reed
ordered that ye towne Seargent be sent to m^r John Sanford, to intreate him to Come to this meetinge then & there to pearfit the accoumpts betwen him & ye towne

Ordred that william wodell Lott Strainge Edward fisher & John Brigs Senyor are to goe to m^r John Sanfords and there to pearfit ye Accoumpts with him about ye towns stock in his hands and if ye three barills of beefe be found to be dew to ye towne, then for these fower men to take it in to there hands and to pay ye Genorall Recorder and the Genorall Sargant so fare as it will goe, or other wayes to dispose of it for ye townes vse

[**123**] Ordred y^t ye towns Steere deliured to John Brigs to Sumer & is in ye Custedey of ye said Brigs, shall be prised by william wodell Lott Strainge Edward fisher & m^r Briges or any tow of them & beinge prissed to be deliured to Sargent Rogers in part of whot this towne of portsmoth is in debted to him

The same day & yeare there Chosen 4 deputies to Searue at ye Genrall Court to be hilld at Newport with 6 Jury men there Names as ffolloweth Viz

Comitioners or deputyes	Leftenant John Albro m^r John Tripp m^r Lott Strainge m^r John Sanford
Graund Jury men	m^r Joshua Coggshall m^r Richard Borden m^r Thomas Lawton
Pettey Jury men	John Coorse Thomas ffish William Earle fines

At a meetinge of ye free inhabitants of ye towne of Portsmoth this 27th of Aprill 1664

Mr William Baulston is Chosen moderator for y^{t} day
the Genorall Sargants worrant Reed
the Genorall Laws publeshed y^{t} day

The same day & yeare
there wos 4 deputies
Chosen to searue at y^{e}
Genorall Court to be
hilld at New Port
there Names be as
folloueth Viz
Captin Thomas Cooke
Mr John Briggs
Mr Robart Hazard
Mr Thomas Brownell
fines

Comitioners

[**124**] At a Meetinge of ye free inhabitants of ye Towne of Portsmoth August ye 25 1664

M^{r} william Baulston wos Chosen moderator for that day
Ordred by this Assembly that m^{r} John Sanford william Hall and Robart Hazard or ye mayior part of them are Chosen by ye towne of portsmoth to make a rate of 72^{l} and to signe it vnder there hands, and deliure it to m^{r} william Baulston before ye 30th day of this Instant month August for ye discharge of 52^{l} dew to m^{r} william Brenton, And m^{r} william Baulston with m^{r} John Sanford are Chosen to take Care & dew order, that Eury man may know his particuler some, and where & to whom to paye it, with sutabl speed, and m^{r} Baulston with m^{r} Sanford are desired to Receue this Rate at Newport for ye vse aboue writen, after Notice giuen and ye time & place apointed

Rate to make 72^{l}

Fines

At a Meetinge of ye ffree inhabitants of ye Towne of portsmoth one the 12th of October 1664

M^r william Baulston Chosen Moderator for y^t day
the Towne Sargents worrent that day Reed

Graune Jury men Chosen
Giddieon ffreeborne John Anthony Senr Thomas Lawton

Petty Jury men
Henery pearcey, william Cadman Pelach Sherman

Deputies Chosen for y^e
Genrall Court
M^r william wodell m^r Thomas Cornell m^r Joshua Coggshall m^r Samwell wilbure

Votted that m^r Joshua Coggshall is Requested in ye behalfe of the Towne of portsmoth to Compounde with Joseph Torry about the debpt the towne is owinge to him and the towne doth here by ingage to be Come dettor to the said Joshua Coggshall, and to see him secured for whot he doeth in the premises

Votted that ye Towne Clarke is to be paid three pounds ten shillings for searuice Done by him for ye towne to be paid out of the towne tresury

Votted that Richard Bulgar is to haue a pearcell of vpland laid out to him in ye Comon fence in liew of a pearcell of marsh grownd he hath Exchainged with ye towne So much for so much or as the lotters shall see good

fines

[125] At a Meetinge of ye ffree inhabitants of ye Towne of Portsmoth ye 21th of ffeburery 1664 or 65

Mr William Baulston wos Chosen Moderator for y^t day

Ordered & votted that a Petticion is to be presented vnto y^e
Votted Next Genrall Assembly vnder the hand of ye Towne Clarke to this Effect that the deputies of all the townes in this Juriousdiction may in the times of there Genrall assemblyes sitt apart by then selues from ye maigestrates in the time of there Transactions, and that m^r John Sanford m^r william wodell & william Hall is apointed to draw vp the said pettion to be sent to ye Next Genrall assembly that ye Deputies may sitt aparte

Deputies Chosen

Mr Petter Talman
m^r William Wodell
m^r William Hall
m^r Lott Strainge

Ordered & voted that m^r John Sanford William Wodell william Hall or any others of ye Neighbors of this towne, that shall meet
Votted at the house of m^r william Baulston one the 22th of this instant month ffeburery 1664 to draw vp a writinge from ye towne to shew a Resone if it be demanded by ye Genrall Court is not for ye present attended vnto

Votted Ordered that ye Towne Seargent is to be paid out of ye Tresury for Searuice done for ye Towne of portsmoth fower pounds

Votted orderede by ye Towne that fiue pounds ten shillings shall be paid to m^r Joshua Coggshall out of ye Tresury

Votted Ordered that ye order made by the Towne the 9th of July 1660, which is the 6th vote in those orders, Concerninge a Comittee, to Judge of the Recordinge of deedes or Euidences of land, is vpon Serious Consideration here by Null and Repealed

fines

At a meetinge of the free inhabitants of ye towne of portsmoth May ye first 1665

Votted Votted and ordered that ye tresurer Shall pay the Towne Clarke 20 shillings which is for that yeares Searuice

Votted Voted and Ordered that ye Tresuerer is to pay Thomas Ginings forty shillings which is for two Jurnyes with ye Comitioners one to plymoth the other to boston

That vpon the Request of Joshua Coggshall to Exchainge a pearcell of land which lieth in our Comon, it is here by Consented to that the pearcell of land in our Comon lyinge betwen
Votted our line and the said Joshuas ffence is aproperated to the said Joshua, he lainge downe to ye Comon as much land in leiw there of as two men viz^tt William Hall and Leifft John Albro shall see performed, provided it intrench not one any mans perticuler properiaty

[**126**] Vpon ye Propesetion of william Earle & William Correy to sett vp a winde mill in this towne, and thay Requestinge for there Conveniancie one ackre and a quarter of land out of the Comon, therefore and for there inCoragment there in, the
Votted Towne doth here by Consent and order that thay shall haue one Ackre of land one the hill Cauled Briges hill or some other Conveniant place in this towns Comon, and a quarter of an ackre of land lyinge against ye towne pond ouer against william Earles now dwelinge howse, and these two pearcills of land thay are to haue and inJoy to them and theres so longe as thay maintaine a wind mill in this towne for the towns vse, prouided that if thay maintaine not the said mill then the said two pearcells of Land is to be Returned and laid downe to the towns vse and dispose

Ordered that a Rate of 20^l shall be made & gathred in to pay ye Towns debts to m^r Baulston Joshua Coggshall and Richard
Votted Bulgar and Thomas Gininengs and this Rate is to be made by william hall and John Sanford and the sum to be brought in to ye tresury by the midle of ~~aprill,~~ Jun Next and whot of it is not at that

time brought in is to be taken by distrainte by ye Cunstable or towne Sargant

Fines

At a meetinge of ye free inhabitants of portsmoth this fifth of June 1665

M^r^ william Baulston wos Chosen Moderator for y^t^ day

The towne Counsill Chosen

Captine John Sanford Lefftenant John Albro m^r^ william wodell Mr John Brigs Senyor Aded to the two maiestrats	Towne Counsill Ingagede

Constables Chosen

Henry percey Chosen for this yere Constable Edward Lay Chosen Constable for this yeare Thomas ffish Chosen Constable for this yeare M^r^ william Baulston Tresurer for this yeare Richard Bulgar towne Clarke Thomas Ginings Towne Sargant	all Ingaged

Votted Ordered that there shall be ssufficent Cagge made in this towne ordred that the three Constables is to see a ssuficente paire of stockes made with in 10 dayes and thay are to be paid by the towne tresurer for whot thay Come to

votted Captine John Sanford and ffrances Braiton Chosen survayors for ye Cattell that are to be transported out of this towne to other places from this Island

Votted that the 6th order made July ye 9th 1660 for Judginge of

Votted land Euidences is this day Reuiued and that william wodell is added to m^r^ william Baulston m^r^ philep Sherman william hall and Richard Bulgar and any fower of the fiue meetinge haue power to Act [127]

Votted ordered that william Hall is to sett vp a ssuficent pound betwen the day of the date here of and the first of August Next in the Place where the ould pounde standeth for which worke he is to be paid by the Towne

Voted that Thomas Ginings is Chosen poundkeeper and he is to haue two pence ℘ head for all Cattell that are putt in for Trespas which two pence a head is to be paid by the oners of ye Cattill ffines

At a Meettinge of ye ffree inhabitants of ye towne of portsmoth ye 13th of october 1665

M^r william Baulston wos Chosen Moderator for that day
the Sargents worente Reed that day

Deputies Chosen that day

Captine John Sanford Mr George Lawton Mr Philep Sherman Mr John Brigs	Deputies

Graun Jurey men

M^r william Almy Mr John Tripp Senr Jacob Mott	Graund Jury men Chosen

Pettey Jury men

Capt Thomas Cooke Mr Barthlomew west william wilbure	pettey Jury men

Vpon a motion & Request of Thomas Butts to this towne to Exchainge a pearcell of vpland for a pearcell of marsh lyinge in the Comon ffence, the towne doe agree and order that the said Thomas Butts hauinge in this meetinge Surrendred the said marsh land vnto ye Towne he is to haue in leiw there of so much

vpland acre for Acre laid ont vnto him in ye Comon ffence, to be laid out Next vnto Richard Bulgars Land, Leauinge a ssuficent highway of fower Rods wide, betwen the greate Rocke and that land and the said land is to be laid out to him by william hall and Lefftenant John Albro

ffines

[**128**] At a Meetinge of ye free inhabitants of Portsmoth the 22th of ffeburery 1665) or 66

M^r william Baulston wos Chosen Moderator for y^t day
Votted the same day that a Comittee be Chosen to make a Rate of one hundred pounds to pay m^r John Clarke
Votted that ye Nomber of ye Comittee agreed vpon is Eleuen
Votted that Lefft John Albro John Tripp Senr and John Brigs are three of ye Comittee william wodell Samwell wilbure Thomas Cornell John Almy John Cooke william Hall Lott Strainge m^r william Baulston

Votted that wensday Next beinge ye Last day of ffeburery this Comitte is to meete and that thay haue power or the mayior parte of them to make a Rate of one hundred pounds Not forbidinge any towns men to Come in Vpon that day to speake Either for them selues or giue there Advice

Votted that a pettione be drawen vp and presented to ye Gouernor for ye Caulinge & Conuentinge of a Genrall assembly in Conueniant time for ye setlinge the affaires of the Collony before the Next Court of Election and that ye said pettion is to be ssigned by ye Clearke of this towne and m^r william Baulston and Capt John Sanford are to draw vp the said pettion

Votted that william wodell Lott Strainge John Brigs John Sanford are Chosen to peruse and draw vp an aCoumpt of the

seurall Rates and towns stock and to giue an aCoumpt whot Still is Remainenge by Each man vnpaid

fines

At a Meetinge of the free inhabitants of Portsmoth the 21th of march 1665 or 66

Mr Samwell Wilbor wos Chosen moderator for that day
the towne that day declared by Voate that thay were well satisfied with the Rate made the 21th of march 1665 or 66 to pay mr John Clarke wt Rate amounts to one hundred pounds

Votted that day that Mr william Baulston Mr Samwell wilbore Mr John Brigs shall Repaire to mr John Clarke and treate with him aboute the paiment of the affore said 100l Rate and bringe his answer to ye towne

Deputies Chosen mr william hall mr Lott Strainge
mr John Brigs
mr william wodell

ffines

At a Meetinge of the ffree inhabitants of portsmoth Aprill the 25th 1666

Mr william Baulston wos Chosen moderator for that day

Deputies yt day Chosen

mr John Sanford
mr Thomas Lawton
mr william wodell
mr John Albro
} Deputies

[129] Graun Jurey men y^{t} day Chozen

Joshua Coggshall
Hugh Parsons } Graun Jury men
John Tripp Seny^{r}

Pettey Jury men

M^{r} william Almy
Robert Hazerd } Petty Jurymen
Acabod Shefeld

Votted and Ordered that Lefftenant John Albro and william hall shall Run the line of any man in this towne that hath taken in any of the Comon, and shall be paid for there Labors out of the towne tresury and thay are to forbidd any further buldinge vpon the towns land

Ordered that vpon the Request of m^{r} John Almy to ye Towne, for the Exchainginge of Land, that he may haue on Ackre of land it is agreed that he the said John Almy Shall haue one ackre of land Nere adioyninge to the Birch Swamp buttinge one the salt water leuinge out the springe head, in Leiw where of he is to lay downe and leue to ye towne, So much land as may in Equality be Judged Equall in quantety or Quality, and the pearsons to lay out the said Ackre of land are william Hall and Leff^{t} John Albro who likewise are to Judge the Equality of ye land

ffines

Vpon A day of Election of Officers for ye Towne of Portsmoth June the fforth 1666

Mr William Baulston wos Chosen Moderator for that day
M^{r} william Baulston wos Chosen Tresurer for that yeare
Richard Bulgar wos Chosen Towne Clarke for that yeare
Thomas Jeninges wos Chosen Towne Seargent for that yeare

The Towne Counsell Chosen for y^t yeare
M^r william Baulston Gen^rll assistant
Mr Samwell Wilbure Gen^r assistant
M^r william wodell first
Capt John Sanford second
Leff^t John Albro third
M^r william Hall forth

[130] Cunstables

1 m^r Anthony Emory
2 m^r Henory Pearcey
3 m^r Thomas Cornell
} Chosen Cunstables for that yeare

Seruayors of Cattell

Mr John Trip Senyor
Capt John Sanford
} Chosen Seruaiors for that yeare

destresed Straingers

Ordered that where as by the providence of god there are seuerall of our Contrymen are Arriued one our Island, and Exposed to sume hardships for ye present, There fore it is allowable for any inhabitant with in this towne to Entertaine the affore mentioned pearsons in his family, as he shall See good, Any order to the Contrary not withstandinge Relatinge to this present Cace and present occation only

high & drifte wayes

Ordred that Leff^t John Albro William Hall Leff^t ffrances Braiton and Mr John Brigs Seny^r are Authorized to take a viwe of all the high wayes & Drifft wayes that are not yett Returned and to make the Returne of them to ye Towne with whot Sped thay Can

The Meetinge is desalued

ffines

Augvst ye 27th 1666

M^r william Baulston wos Chosen moderator for that day

Deputies Chosen

mr John Trip Senyor
1 mr John Sanford
2 mr John Anthony Senyor
3 Lefft John Albro

Voted that two of ye Neighbors are to goe to william Cadman and Signifie vnto him that there is a towne law made in ye yeare 1654 which doth forbid any inhabitant to Receue or Entertaine any Suggenor or strainger aboue one month, with out the aprobation or Consent of the inhabitants of this towne, Vpon the penualty of ye forfiture of 5 pound for Eury month so offendinge and that the said Neighbors are here by Authorized to forewarne william Cadman that he Entertaine no longer in his howse one william maze then the said month william Hall and william wodell are ye men Chosen who are to haue there order vnder the towne Clarks hand, and to bringe his Answer to ye maiestrats of this towne forth with

Lewis Mattex stands propounded for to be Admitted an inhabitant of this towne

Mr frances Gizborn is this day Admitted a free inhabitant of this towne

[131] At a Meetinge of the free inhabitants of portsmoth October ye 19th 1666

Mr william Baulston wos that day Chozen modderator

Mr John Gard wos that day admitted a free inhabitant of this towne of portsmoth

Lewes Mattex wos that day Admited a free inhabitant of this towne of portsmoth

Deputeies Chosen for ye Genrall Court

1 mr John Gard
2 Capt John Sanford
3 mr Joshua Coggshall
4 mr John Albro

Graund Jury men
1 m^{r} Jarrerd Borne
2 m^{r} John Brigs
3 m^{r} Edward Lay

Petty Jury men
1 m^{r} Robart Hazard
2 Capt Thomas Cooke
3 m^{r} John Almy

Ordered that ye Rate of one hundred pounds made and ordred by the towne march 21th 1665 or 66 shall be deliured vnto Capt John Sanford and Leftenant John Albro, and shall by them be sent to all the towns men there in Ratted to Signifie vnto them how much thay are Rated and all so that thay doe forthwith make preparation for the paiment there of, and that the said Rate is to be brought in vnto them

At a meetinge of ye free inhabitants Janauery ye 5th 1666

M^{r} william Baulston wos Chosen Moderator for that day
the Genrall Courts orders publeshed that day
John Pearce admited that day a free inhabitant of this towne
m^{r} Smiten wos that day Receued as a Suggener in to this towne vntell further order

Lefftenant John Albro presented a bill of debt about worke done at ye fort

Richard Bulgar presented a bill of 30 shill w^{t} wos aproved and past by the voat of ye towne

[132] At a Meetinge of ye free inhabitants of the Towne of portsmoth Aprill ye 23^{d} 1667

M^{r} william Baulston Chosen moderator for y^{t} day
the Genrall Sargants worrant Reed in that Assembly

Deputies Chosen for searues in ye Genorall assembly

1	Mr John Gard	Deputies
2	M^r william wodell	
3	M^r william Hall	
4	Mr Robert Hazard	

	Graund Jury men	Graund Jury men
1	Adam Mott	
2	Giddion freeborn	
3	William Corry	

	pettey Jury men	pettey Jury men
1	William Cadman	
2	Danille Greenell	
3	Thomas ffish	

Votted that m^r John Sanford william wodell Lefftenant John Albro Thomas Cooke Senyor John tripp Senyor m^r william Almy william Hall which seuen men and some others that these 7 men may advise with all to Consider of a way to preuent the distruction of wood and timbar in the Comons of this towneship and to Rip[ ] a way of Redres and to present there thoughts to ye Next towne meetinge

ffines

Election [**133**] Att a Meetinge of ye ffree inhabittants of ye Towne of portsmoth Jun ye 3^d 1667

M^r william Baulston wos Chosen moderator for that day
Richard Bulgar wos that day Chosen towne Clarke for the yeare inshuinge and ingaged

The Towne Counsell Chosen

for ye yeare inshuinge

Mr william Baulston Capt John Sanford Lefft John Albro mr william wodell mr Robart Hazard mr Samwell wilbor	Ingaged all

Constables Chosen

John Brigs Senyor Chozen for yt yeare & ingaged
frances Braiton Chosen for yt year and ingaged
Thomas Cornell Chosen for yt yeare and ingaged
Thomas Ginings wos that day Chosen towne Sargant for the yeare inshuinge and ingaged

mr John Sanford mr John Tripp Senyor	are Chosen suruayors of Chattell for yt yeare inshuinge

mr william Baulston Chosen Tresurer for yt yere & ingaged
The Recepricall Ingagement Adminestred to ye officers

ffines

[**134**] At a Meetinge of ye ffree inhabitants of ye towne of portsmoth June 26th, 1667

Mr william Baulston Chosen moderator for yt day

Deputies Chosen

1	mr Phillep Sherman	Deputies for ye Next genorall Court
2	mr John Gard	
3	mr Edward Lay	
4	mr John Tripp Senyor	

Hugh Dickman is this day Admitted an Inhabitant amongst vs

A bill presented by Lefftenant John Albro of 47—19—00 - - - - - - - - - - - -	47—19—00

A remonstrance from Providence towne Reed in ye assenbly

Fines

At a Meetinge of ye ffree inhabittants of ye Towne of portsmoth October 17th 1667

M^r^ william Baulston Chosen moderator for y^t^ day

1	Richard Borden	Chosen Deputies for October Courte
2	Joshua Coggshall	
3	william wodell	
4	Jariard Borne	
1	Edward ffisher	Chosen Graund Jury men for ye Courte of Tryalls
2	Captine Cooke	
3	John Cooke	
1	Lott Strainge	Chosen petty Jury men for ye Courte of Tryalls
2	Thomas Lawton	
3	Robert Denes	

the Sargents worrent Reed to ye Assembly
the Genorall laws Reed to the Assembly
M^r^ william Smitan wos that day Admitted a free-inhabitant of the towne of portsmoth

Fines

[**135**] At a Meetinge of the free inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmoth aprill ye 28th 1668

M^r^ william Baulston Chosen Moderator for y^t^ day
the Sargants worant Reed for warninge ye said meetinge

Deputies Chozen

~~Mr Philip Sherman~~

1	M^r^ william Hall	Deputies for the Next Genrall Court
2	Lefft John Albro	
3	Mr Josheuah Coggshall	
4	Capt John Sanford	

Graund Jury men Chosen

1	Hugh pearsons	Gran Jury men for ye Court of tryalls
2	Richard Borden	
3	Edward Lay	

Petty Jury men

M^r	william Almy	petty Jury men for ye Court of tryalls
	Jacob Mott	
	Anthony Emory	

Voted Where as William Earle and William Corry haue sett vp a wind mill in this towne on the hill Caled Brigs his hill, and thay proposinge to haue two Ackres of land, by way of Exchainge for there accomodation, the towne doe agree and order that thay layinge downe two Ackres of land to the Comon of this towne thay shall haue two Ackres laid out to them on the said hill, Nere to ye wind mill leuinge out the place the mill now stands on and Conveniant way to ye said mill Comon, and the said two ackres of land shall be to ye said william Earle and william Corry and there heires and assignes for Euer and the former Order of the graunte of an ackre and a quarter of land by the towne at a meetinge hild ye first of may 1665 by there Consents is made null and Repealed Leftenant Albro and william Hall are here by authorized to lay out the said two ackres of land, and to Receue in the towns behalfe two ackres of theres land to be laid to the Comon,

[**136**] where as there hath bine Ceartaine bills of debt presented to the inhabitants at this meetinge, and Ceartine Rates formerly made to pay the towns debts and the said Rates not as yet pearfected nor an aCoumpt giuen in of them, and for the more spedy payment of the said debts the inhabetants of this towne of portsmoth hath drawne vp this followinge order Viz

Voted where as there haue bine seurall Rates made in this towne for the paimente of the towns debts, and there beinge no Exact

accoumpt yet taken, how and which way the said Rates haue bine gathred and improued by Reson where of the towne are much in the Darke, how to procede to make further Rates not knowinge but there may be all Redey suffitient Rates made to pay the towns Debts therefore and for the Cleeringe so fare as may be the seurall Rates formerly made in this Towne and to whot End and vse thay were made The towne doe order that a Comittee be Chosen to make a supputation in to all the seurall Rates all Redey on the Records of the towne to be leuied and take an accoumpt whot the Seurall Soms are, and to whot End thay were so made and all so: so fare as thay Can to inquier how fare thay haue bine im proved to ye End thay were made, that there by the Towne may haue a more Cleere vnderstandinge of there accoumpts, and the said Comittee are to make Returne of there proceeds here in to ye Next towne meetinge, The Comittee Chosen and Authorized are Mr Philip Sherman M^r william wodell m^r Thomas Cornell m^r william Hall and Capt John Sanford thay or the mayior part of them are Authorized to acte in the premises

the same day m^r frances Gisborn presented a pettion to the inhabitants which pettion wos graunted and order taken about him

there wos the same day a Remonstrance presented subscribed william Harris from providence

all so there wos seurall bills of debt that day presented one from Left^t Albro, on from ye towne Clarke one from ye towne Sargant which ye inhabitants tooke in to there Consideration and drew vp the foregoinge order about it
the meetinge for that day wos dissalued

ffines

[137] June ye ffirst 1668 beinge the day of Election for officers in the Towne of Portsmoth

Mr william Baulston Chozen moderator yt day

4 men Chosen to ye two magestrats for a towne Councell

	1	Capt John Sanford	ye Towne Councell Chosen yt day
Votted	2	Leuft John Albro	
	3	mr John Tripp Senyor	
	4	mr Eward ffisher	

Constables Chosen for the yeare inshuinge

	1	Mr John Briggs	3 Constables Chosen that day
Votted	2	Mr william wilbor	
	3	Mr Hugh Pearsons	

Voted Richard Bulgar Chosen Towne Clarke for ye yeare inshuinge

Votted Mr william Baulston Chosen Tresurer for the yeare inshuinge

Votted Richard Bulgar Chosen Towne Seargant and watter baly for this yeare inshwinge

Survaiers of Cattell

Voted	Mr John Tripp Senyor	Suruaiers of Cattle
	Captin John Sanford	

[138] Ouerseers for the poore

1	Mr william Baulston	Ouerseers for ye poore
2	Mr Samuell wilbore	

The Sargants worent Red in ye assembly

The Genrall Laws publeshed in the assembly

40l Rate: Votted Orderd that a Rate of forty pounds be forth with made in this Towne for ye suply and Relefe of Henry Eues and his wife for this insuinge yeare, and that the said Rate shall after notes giuen to Each person how much he is Rated be forth with brought in, and deliured in to ye hands of the overseers of ye poore or to whome thay shall apointe for ye End and Vse afore said, and that if any person doe neglect to bringe in his proportion as he is Rated and that there by he shall Caus distraint to fetch it, then

that person or persons so neglectinge shall besids ye sume he is Rated beare and pay all ye Charge of gathringe it, and the persons Chosen to make ye afore said Rate are m^r philip Sherman m^r Joshua Coggshall m^r John Tripp m^r william wodell and m^r william Hall thay or the mai^or part shall make the said Rate, and the Towne Seargant shall giue notice to Each person how much he is Rated and as afore said to bringe it in

where as Seuerall persons were dessiered and impoured at a meetinge hilld ye 20th of April last to make inspection in to ye accoumpts of ould Rats, and to make Returne to this meetinge, and thay in this intrem not hauinge done any thinge in it, the power then Comitted to them is Continewed, and Left John Albro added to them, and thay are to make there Returne to ye Next Towne meetinge

Votted the next meet

The Meetinge is dissalued ffines

[**139**] At a Meetinge of ye ffree inhabitants of ye Towne of Portsmoth ye 16th of Octobar 1668

M^r william Baulston Chozen moderator for y^t day
The Sarjants worrant Reed for warninge ye meetinge

1	m^r John Sanford	Chozen Debuties for Octobar Court
2	m^r John Briggs	
3	m^r John Tripp	
4	m^r John Albro	
1	Capt Thomas Cooke	Chosen Graund Jury men
2	m^r Thomas ffish	
3	m^r Thomas Lawton	
1	m^r Thomas Cornell	Chosen petty Jury men
2	m^r william Corry	
3	m^r ffrances Brayton	

Thomas Butts hauinge pettioned to ye Towne of portsmoth for ye Exchainginge of a parcell of land which he before Exchainged with ye towne and this presante meetinge beinge but small in numbar thinke not fitt to Act in it: but Reffere it to the Next towne meetinge: as a part of ye busnies of that day or meetinge: Entred as a towne order

Joseph Tripp Receued a freeman of this towne of portsmoth vpon that day

Dauid Lake Receued a freeman of this towne of portsmoth vpon that day

The assembly desalued for y^t^ day

ffines

[**140**] At a Meetinge of ye ffree inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmoth ffebreuery ye 27th 1668

Mr William Baulston Chozen Moderator for y^t^ day

the Sargiants worrant that day Reed

Voted Ordered that ye power Committed vnto m^r^ Sherman william Hall Lt John albro will wodell Thomas Cornell and John Sanford at ye last towne meetinge hilld June the fifth for the Audiatinge of ye towns Accoumpts in Rates is Continewd vnto them and thay are dessired or ye Majo^r^ part of them forthwith to proceed to ye ffinishinge of that worke and thay are dessired to meet to that End on Tusday Next beeinge the Second of march next at ye howse of m^r^ william Baulston and for there information thay may Caule in such of there Neighborhood as may Clere vp those mattars vnto them and make there Retturne to ye towne at this next meetinge

the meetinge is adjurned tell the 8 day of march

march the 8th

M^r^ william Dyer presented writinge about an Island Commonly Cauled by the name of Dyers Island

The seurall Rates Audiated presented and Reed to ye inhabitants

that day wos Lathrum Clarke Admitted a free inhabitant of this towne of Portsmoth

the same day wos Joseph Houlderbee and Thomas Hauens Admited free inhabitants of this towne of portsmoth

[141] William Burrington wos y^t^ day Receued an Inhabitant of this towne of portsmoth

Whereas at ye last towne meetinge there wos an Audiate impowered and Continewed to draw vp an aCount of ye towns Rates, and thay hauinge taken pains in that Respect haue presented there Result there on, vpon which it is found that seurall pearsons are behinde and haue not paid to ye Rates by them Audted, yett some pearsons in this meetinge Eledginge thay haue paid and as yett not Cleered to whome, Therefore the Towne orders that ye then Auditters viz philip Sherman william Hall John Albro william wodell Thomas Cornell and John Sanford are dessired and Authorized thay or the maio^r^ part of them to meet on the 22th day of this instant month march at ye howse of m^r^ william Baulston to make a trew Examination of the perticuler pearsons Concearned and all other who are in other Audits found indebted how and w^t^ way thay haue paid and discharge the Sums thay or any of them are Charged for and to that End the towne Sariant is Authorized to giue notis to the pearsons who are to ye towne indebted to Come to the place afore nominated at the time afore said there to giue an aCoumpt to the said Auditt[ ] how and to whom thay haue paid whot thay are Charged and if any shall Neglect at that time to apeare and giue an aCoumpt there of forth with distrainte shall be Isued forth and whot thay or any of them are behinde shall be taken and Returned to ye towne tresury

Vott

The meetinge is Adjurned tell ye 29th of march next
March ye 29th thay meet
againe

march ye 29th 1669

where as this towne at there meetinge hilld the 8th day of this instante month march vpon serious Considerations of sume matters which Could not then be Isued adiorned to this instant day and through neglect the voat of there adiornme[ ] not beinge Recorded there fore the towne doe [**142**] now Votte and order that ye said adjornment be now putt on Record and so the towne proceeds to act accordingly

Voated that 7 men are Chossen to meete on thursday next it beinge ye first of aprill to draw vp sume propositions about the fferey to be presented to ye next towne meetinge at ye howse of m^r william Baulston on monday next beinge the fifth of aprill the men Chossen were philip Sherman william wodell william Hall m^r Samull wilbor Capt John Sanford m^r John Tripp and Thomas Cornell ye 7th man

this meetinge is adjorned vntell monday which is the 5th day of aparill

Aprill ye 5th thay meet againe
and dissalued the meetinge
not Concludinge on any thinge
that day

At a Meetinge hilld by the ffree inhabitants of ye Towne of portsmoth Aparill the 28th 1669

M^r william Baulston Chozen moderator for that day

the towne seargants worrant Reed

that where as it wos Ordred by the towne of portsmoth November the 13th 1654 that there should be a high way to the Springe one the south of phillip Shermans land which wos accordingly done yett notwithstandinge the high way beinge laid out four Rod wide the said high way beinge now by william Almy fenced from the Common, the towne doth there fore order y^t the said high way shall be laid open the Common againe forth with with

out delay by the said william, and in Cace he the said william Shall Neglect to lay the [**143**] said Springe open then the towne shall Chouse men to lay it open at this presant meetinge as allso all othere land taken in Contrary to graunt

Ordered that ye two Survayers Richard Borden and William Hall with two Constables to assiste them Namly John Brigs Senyor and Hugh parsons shall forthwith Repaire vnto william Almys and lay open a highway which wos laid out for the towns vse Lyinge between the land of william Almy and the land of phillip Sherman downe to the springe, and allso all othere lands taken out of ye Common or not beinge legaly granted

1	Capt John: Sanford	Chosen Deputyes
2	Mr John: Brigs Seny^r^	
3	Mr John: Tripp Seny^r^	
4	Mr Lott Strainge	
1	Mr Edward Lay	Chosen Gran Jury men
2	Mr Ralph Earle Senr	
3	Mr John Anthony Senr	
1	Mr Adam: Mott	Chosen petty Jury men
2	Danill Greenell	
3	Gersham wodell	

[**144**] ffreemen Admitted that day

Voted Richard Pearce Jun^or^: william Browne John Perce: william Brigs Thomas Jnings Jun^or^ william Maess

votted that ye preposalls about the ferrey be Reed

Votted that m^r^ John Sanfords Answers about the ferey be Reed

Votted that m^r^ John Sanford is to haue the preposalls about ye ferey to Consider of them and to Returne them to the towne the Next Towne meetinge

[**145**] Att A meettinge of the ffree inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth on their Election Day the 7th of June Annº 1669

mr William Baulston chosen Moderator for that day
William Hall chossen Towne clerk who Refussinge to Serve
John Sanford chosen & Ingaged

mr John Tripp Senr
Lt John Albro
mr William Hall
mr William Wodall
} Chossen to be of the Towne Counsell

mr William Baulston chossen Treasurer
Thomas Ginings Senr chossen Towne Serjant

mr John Brigs
mr John Strainge
mr Latham Clarke
} chossen Cunstables

John Sanford
John Tripp Senr
} chossen Survayers for Catle.

mr John paine and William Alin of prudance Island are admitted ffree Inhabitants of this Towne.

Voated. Whereas John Strainge was chossen Cunstable, and he pleadinge to the Towne to be Releassed from Serveinge in that office Eleaginge that he Conceives him Selfe other-wise Excussed by Reason of the loss of one of his members in the warrs in England Thereupon the Towne doe Release him And have made choyce of Gersham Wodell Cunstable in his Roome who accordingly is ingaged.

Voated Whereas there was an order. made by this Towne at their meetfinge held march the 8th 1668 wherin it was Ordered that the Sum or Sums of any person or persons who have not payd theire proportion in Rate or Rates That what any person was then (by the Awditt apoynted to Examine of the Accounts of the Sayd Rates) behinde in payment It should be taken by dis-

traynt if not other-wise payd, and returnd into the Towne Treasury The Towne doe now againe Revise the Sayd order, and doe Referr the prossicution thereof unto the Majestrats To them forth-with by distraynt to Cause the Sum̄s Men̄ciond in the accounts given in by the then apoynted Auditors to be accordingly gathered and brought in, And for their more full information the Towne clerke is to deliver a Copie of the Account vnto the Majestrates, And That the Treasurer Em̄eadiatly vpon the Receipt of the monies due or any part thereof is to Satisfy m^r Richard Bulgar what the Towne is indebted unto him.

m^r William Baulston m^r Joshua Coggeshall m^r Sam^ll Wilbur	chossen over-seers for the poore in this Towne for this yeare

Voated That the Care in provoidinge for the Suteable Supply of Henry Eves this yeare is Referred to the over-seers of the poore to Order ffor the most Ease to the Towne and Comfort of the Sayd Eves according to the best of their jugments

Voated That the Towne Serjant for this insueinge yeare as his wagis from the Towne for warneinge Towne Meetings Deputies and jurry-men untill this time twelve-months the Sum̄ of Six pence payd him by Every ffreeman of this Towne whome he Shall Soe warne, And that if the Sayd Serjant Shall neglect to warne any ffree-man to the Towne meetings who are in the Towne or may have Notice thereof he shall forfitt and pay to that person he Neglects to warne the Sum̄ of twelve pence

Voated That whereas it is informed to this meetinge that phillip Sachim of mount hope hath putt Severall Swine on hog-Island therein intrudeinge on the Rights of this Towne It is Ordered that a letter shall be drawne up by the Towne clerke to fore-warne the Sayd phillip from any further proceeds in that nature, and also forth-with to remove Such Swine or other Catle he hath putt on the Sayd Island, or other-wise the Towne doe Conceive he deales unjustly with them, and he will Constraine them to

further proceeds to defend their Legall Rights against him: And the Sayd Letter is to be Signed by the majestrats with the Towne clerke, and a Copie thereof left on Record for the Townes use

[146] At a Meettinge of the ffree-Inhabitants of portsmouth the: 16th of October. 1669

mr William Baulston chossen Moderator for this meettinge: Anthony Shaw, Hugh Moissier, and John pinner are admitted ffreemen

John Sanford mr Samuell Wilbur Lt ffran. Brayton Mr William Wodell	are Chossen Debuties for the Next Genrl Asembly to be held the last Wedensday in this instant October
Anthony Emry Thomas Cornell John Cooke	chosen Grand-jurry-men, to Serve at the Genrl Court of Tryalls to be held this instant Octobr at Newport.
John Almy William Cadman Gidion ffreeborne	chosen pettitt-jurry-men to Serve at the Genrl Court of Tryalls to be held this instant October at Newport.

Voated Whereas It is Complained by Divers to this meettinge, that mr William Almy hath fenced in a high-way, betweene his now dwelling house and the Dwelling house of mr phillip Shearman in this Towne of portsmoth, which high-way doth lead to one of the most principle watteringe-places for Catle in this Towne; whereby Severall of the Inhabittants are much wronged, and have Complained, and Desired the Sayd mr Almy to throw the Sayd way open; And he Refuseinge Soe to doe: The Towne Therefore doe Order that a Legall Course Shall be taken by the Towne against mr Almy for the Defence of their Right in the Sayd high-way; And to that End Trie a title in Law with the

Sayd m^r^ Almy And Therefore doe agree to apoynt a person to prossicute against the Sayd m^r^ Almy this next Court of Tryalls and Soe to follow it in the Townes behalfe and with their Authorety till a judgment in Law be procured M^r^ phillip Shearman afore-Named is Chosen and Authorized to be the person to prossicute on the Townes behalfe the afore-Named premises against m^r^ Almy, And to that End to use his vtmost Indeavo^rs^ in all lawfull waies to Carry on the Same: and for his Charge therein he is to be borne harmeless by the Towne.

At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth, held the 17th of March, 1669/70

m^r^ William Baulston chossen Moderator for this meetinge:

John Sanford m^r^ William Wodell Lt John Albro Ens^n^ Lott Straing	Chossen Deputies for the next Gen^rl^ Asembly to be Held at Newport the 22th of this instant Month March.

At a Meetinge of the ffree-Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth the 27th of Aprill 1670

m^r^ William Baulston chossen Moderator for this Meetinge.

m^r^ John Tripp Senr John Sanford Lt John Albro m^r^ Thomas Cornell	Chossen Deputies for the next Gen^rl^ Asembly to be held at Newport the first Wedensday in May next beinge the 4th Day of that month.
m^r^ Latham Clarke m^r^ William Wilbur m^r^ Hugh persons	Chossen to Serve on the Grand jurry at the next Gen^rl^ Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport the first Munday next followinge the first Wedensday in May afore-sayd

Jarad Bourne Hugh Moisser Samuell Sanford	Chossen to Serve on the pettitt jurry at the Court of Tryalls afore-sd.

[147] Voated that John Sanford is chossen an Atturney for the Towne to make Defence in the Townes Behalfe to that action Comenced by mr William Almy against the Towne.
Voated that this meetinge is adjourned till to-morrow Eight of the clock

At the meetinge of the Towne on the Sayd adjournment it being Aprill 28th
Voated that mr William Hall is chossen an Aturny for the Towne to plead and mannage the Townes Defence in an action Comenced by mr William Almy against mr Williã. Baulston Treasurer on the Townes behalfe

Att a Meetinge of the ffree-Inhabitants of the towne of portsmouth Held on their Election Day beinge the 6t of June. 1670

mr William Baulston chossen Moderator of this Meetinge:
John Sanford Chossen Towne Clerke and Ingaged.

John Sanford mr Joshua Coggeshall mr William Hall mr phillip Shearman	Chosen to of the Towne Counsell & Ingaged
mr John Brigs mr Gersh~ Wodall mr Tho. ffish	chossen Cunstables and Ingaged.

mr Williã Allin chossen Cunstable and Ingaged
mr William Baulston chossen Treasurer. Ingaged.
Thomas Jenings chossen Towne Serjt and Ingaged

mr John Tripp John Sanford	Chossen to Survaie Catle.

m^{r} William Baulston m^{r} Joshua Coggeshall m^{r} Sam^{ll} Wilbur	Chossen Overseers for the poore in this Towne
m^{r} Joshua Coggshall m^{r} Sam^{ll} Wilbur m^{r} Robert Hazard m^{r} Lott Strainge	Chossen Debuties to Sitt at the next Gen^{rl} Asembly to be held at Newport the 7th of this instant June.

Voated to be the forme of the Ingagment to all the Towne officers

Yow A: B: beinge Called and chossen by the free Voate of the Inhabitants of this Towne of portsmouth in his Ma^{tes} Name to the office off—— Doe in this pressent Asembly ingage yor Selfe faithfully to Exicute the Sayd office of——in the due Exicution of Justice in this Towne according to the lawes Established unto us by our Charter and according to the best of yor Vnderstanding

m^{r} Caleb Arnold Henry Brightman	Admitted ffree-men of this Towne.

Voated that m^{r} John Tripp m^{r} phillip Shearman m^{r} Joshua Coggeshall m^{r} William Hall and m^{r} William Wodall or the majo^{r} part of them are Authorized to make a Rate for the payment of the Townes Debts and the Supply of the poore in this Towne:

It is agreed that the afore-Named persons are to Levie and make a Rate of Thirty pownds on the Inhabittants in this Towne which being by them drawne up, they Shall deliver it to the Overseers of the poore in this Towne who Shall Cause on the Townes Charge timely Notice to be given vnto all persons Rated to bring the Sum̄s they are Rated unto whome the Sayd Overseers [**148**] Shall apoint to Receive it and in Such time they Shall See Cause to apoint it to be done in, and if any person Shall neglect to performe his part accordingly, then distraynt forth-with to goe forth from the Majestrate Majestrates to Levie

and distrayne the Same on the person Soe Neglectinge who also Shall beare all the Charge of the Sayd Distraynt

Voated That Wheras Ens. Thomas Brooke an Antient Inhabitant in this Towne hath Requested this meetinge to give him leave to have the use of a peece of Land for his accomodation in the mannagment of his Trade beinge a Lether dresser, and to build and improve the Same.

The Towne doe agree and Consent that the Sayd Thomas Brooke shall have Soe much Land Layd out unto him at the Brooke joyneinge unto the Land of William James as may there be Layd out without prejudice to the Neighbours: And it is left to the discression of m^r William Hall and Lt John Albro to lay out the Same which Sayd Land the Sayd Brooke Shall injoy dureinge his Naturall life And at his decease the Sayd Land with the fencinge and Such building as shall be theron Shall Returne againe and be the true and proper intrest of the Towne

Benjamin Congden Stands propownded to be admitted a freeman of this Towne.

Att a Meetinge Held by the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth the 27th of June 1670.

m^r William Baulston Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Capt Samuell Wilbur Serj^t Robert Hazard Lt John Albro m^r Joshua Coggeshall	Chossen Deputies to Sitt at the next Gen^rl Asembly on Speciall occassion Called and to Sitt at Warwick the 29th of this instant month June.

Voated that John Sanford William Hall and Thomas Cornell are chossen to awditt m^r Bulgars accounts and Returne their Result unto the next Towne meetinge. and they to awditt the Sayd accounts betweene this and Satterday next come Sennitt.

Voated that wheras the Majestrates and deputies in this Towne are to goe to Warwick to the Gen^rl Asembly there to Sitt and be:

It is ordered that for the Conveniency of their goeing theither they hyre a Boate and the Charge thereof to be borne by the Towne.

Voated that the Towne Serjant Shall for this yeare have nine pence from Every ffree-man in this Towne for warninge Towne Meetings Deputies and jury-men

William Clarke is admitted a free-man in this Towne.

David Vahan Stands propounded to be admitted a freeman in this Towne.

Att a Meetinge of the free Inhabittants of the Towne of portsmouth Held Octob^{r} 5th 1670

m^{r} Joshua Coggeshall m^{r} Robert Hazard m^{r} William Cadman m^{r} John Cooke	Chossen Deputies for the Gen^{rl} Asembly to be held at Newport the 13 of this instant Octob^{r}
ffrancis Brayton Caleb Arnold Lott Strainge	Chossen Grand jurry-men for the Court of Tryalls to be Held at Newpt the 19th of this instant Octob^{r}
Thomas Cornell William Smyton John Almy	Chossen pettit jurry men for the Court of Tryalls afore-sayd
[149] m^{r} Joshua Coggeshall m^{r} William Wodall m^{r} Richard Bordin John Sanford	Chossen Deputis ffor the Gen^{rl} Asembly to be held at Newport the 26th of this instant October./

m^{r} John Greens Letter beinge Red in the Townes meetinge– It was Voated that the Towne See noe Cause to accept the motion therein made to the Towne in puttinge the Sute dependinge betwixt m^{r} Almy and the Towne to Refferance. Not one man decentinge.

It was Voated that mr John Sanford was aded to those men that were ordered to Asist mr William Baulston to implead mr William Almy in the Case depending betwixt the Sayd William Almy and mr Will.~ Baulston in the behalf of the Towne.

At a meetinge of the ffree Inhabittants of the Towne of portsmouth Held the 23 Novemr 1670

mr william Baulston Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Voated that men be Chossen to make a Rate in this Towne of 51l according to the Orders of the Genrl Asembly Held at Warwick June the 29th 1670 and the Asembly Held at Newport October the 26t 1670

Voated that mr John Tripp mr phillip Shearman mr Joshua Coggeshall mr Williā Hall mr William Wodell and John Sanford are chossen and Authoreized they or the Major part of them to Levie and Make the afore-sayd Rate of ffifty one pownds on the Inhabitants of this Towne: And the Sayd Rate by them or the Major part of them to be proportioned and made within Six daies after this meetinge.

It is further Ordered that as Soone as the afore-sayd Rate is made It shall be brought in and delivered vnto mr William Baulston who is herby Authorized to Send forth the Towne Serjant with the Sayd Rate to Each person Rated to acquaint them what they are Rated and also to Order Each person to Carry in the Sum̄ he is Rated vnto the Genrl Treasurer mr John Coggeshall accordinge to the Genrl Assemblys Orders and the Charge of the Serjant to be payd by the Towne

Whereas there apeeres in an antient Awditt to Remaine in the hands of ffrancis Brayton the Sum̄ of two pownds Seventeene Shills & Six pence peage Six ꝑ penny and he afirminge he hath payd it yett is nott Certaine to whome: The Towne doe agree that if the Sayd Brayton pay halfe the Sayd Sum. in peage Eight ꝑ peny he shall be acquitted/

At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabittants of the Towne of portsmouth, Held the : 3 : of Decemb^{r}: 1670

m^{r} William Baulston Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Voated that a Rate of Ninteene pownds Eleven Shill^{s} & Seven pence Shall be made in this Towne beinge the Remaininge part of the .100^{l} Levid on this Towne by the Collony in the yeare (1664) and the Sayd Rate accordinge to the last Asemblys Order to be Carried in and payd to the Gen^{rl} Treasurer of this Collony.

Voated that those persons that made the last Rate of 51^{l} Shall betweene this and Wedensday Next make the afore-sayd Rate of Ninteene pownds. 11$^{ss.}$ 7$^{ds.}$

Voated that whereas It is Complayned by Severall to this meetinge that Severall persons are Suffered to Inhabitt and abide in the towne Whereby the Towne are and may be putt to great Charge: The Towne doe Order that Some persons be chossen and impowred to forwarne all persons who are in this Towne & not Orderly Received or that Shall come into this Towne for abideinge in this Towne without Consent of the Towne. The persons Chossen and impowred are the Overseers of the poore in this Towne and William Wodell is aded to them.

David Vahan and ffrancis Brayton jun^{r} are admitted Inhabittants Thomas ffish jun^{r} and Georg Brownell are admitted Inhabittants

[150] Whereas Nathanill potter hath Requested the Towne to lett him have the use of a peece of Land Lyinge betweene the Land of William Wodell & Edwd ffisher at the Mill Swamp: The Towne Doe Consent and agree. that the Sayd Nathanill potter, Shall have the use of Soe much Land at the place aforesayd ffor the time of ffowerteene yeares as there may be Conveniently Layd out, And then the Sayd Land to Returne to the Towne againe, And the Sayd Land is to be Layd out at the discression of William Hall, Lt John Albro, William Wodall and Edward ffisher.

Voated That Wheras John Straing hath Desired of the Towne to Exchainge three or ffower Acres of Land for his Necessary accomodation in Building at his Land. The Towne doe Order and Consent that Soe much Land Shall be Layd out unto the Sayd John Strainge by the Lotters and at their discression Soe as it Extend Not to the Eastward of the Comon Rhod-way betweene this Towne and Newport and for Soe much as Shall be Layd out to him the Sayd Strainge: Soe much of his Land Shall be Layd out and left to the Towne as Comon.

At A Meettinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth, Held the 26t of Aprill 1671

mr William Baulston Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

mr Thomas Cornell mr William Smyton mr Josh Coggeshall John Sanford	Chossen Deputies to Serve at the next Genrl Asemblies to be held at Newport on the 2. & 3 daies of May next
Georg Lawton Thomas Lawton Jacob Mott	Chossen Grand-Jurry-men to Serve at the next Genrl Court of Tryalls to be held at Newpt on the 8th day of May next
Anthony Emry Ralph Earll: Thomas Manchester	Chossen pettit Jurry-men to Serve at the next Genrl Court of Tryalls to be held at Newpt on the 8th day of may next.

. Voated Whereas it doth apeere that the owners & Inhabitants of prudance & patience Islands by their intertaininge of Straingers may therby occassion this Towne great charge & trouble It is Therfore Ordered that from hence forward the owners or Inhabitants of the Sayd Islands prudance & patience shall not Receive nor intertaine any Strainger or Straingers without the Consent and aprobation of the Towne, which if they doe, whatever, charge or

damage Shall acrue thereby Shall be borne and the Towne kept indemnifyed by the Owners & Inhabitants of the Sayd prudance & patience Islands.

Voated Whereas James Parker late Inhabitant at prudance is in Such a distempered Condition that he is now licke to become a Towne Charge: The Towne doe therefore Order that the Treasurer mr William Baulston Shall take into his Custody what-ever Estate can be found belonginge unto the Sayd parker and to dispose thereof for the Supply of the Sayd James parker Soe farr as it will accomodate him: And if the said James parker, have a desire to go from hence to Barbadoz as is informed he hath declard: It is ordered that the Treasurer Shall take Care for his passage by the first oportunety and Supply him with Such things Necessary and the charge therof to be borne by the Towne Not Exceedinge the Sum of tenn pownds.

Voated that whereas Ensigne Lott Strainge hath declared in this present Meetinge that he is much wronged by mr Talman in not fenceinge against him as by the order of the Towne January the 5th 1660. he the Sayd Talman was ordered to doe whereby the Sayd Lott Strainge hath been deprived of the Benefitt and use of his Land and that he may not loose the Benefitt thereof this yeare alsoe. the Sayd Ensigne Lott Strainge hath desired the Towne to graunt him leave for one yeares time to fence in the Sayd high-way lyinge betweene his Land and the Sayd mr Talmans: The Towne doe Consent and give leave vnto the Sayd Lott Strainge to fence in the Sayd high-way for Twelve Months time; he Setting up a paire of Draw barrs at Each End the Sayd Lane that those that have Occassion may freely pass and repass puttinge up the Barrs againe The Sayd Ensigne Strainge haveinge promissed the Towne to take a progress in law or other wise to cause the Sayd Talman to maintaine his part of fence against him, and alsoe promissed that the Sayd high-way Shall be layd open againe to the Towne at or afore twelve months be Expired from this meetinge.

high way

Voated That wheras William Newman gave in a Bond of 50l vnto the Treasurer in the Townes behalfe to depart this Towne with his wife by the first day of this instant Aprill which Sum̄ he hath forfitted by not performinge his obligation in Removeinge from the Towne accordinge [151] to the Contents of his Sayd Bond. And he haveinge peticond this meeting to Remitt the pennalty of fforfittinge his Sayd Bond. The Towne upon his peticon doe graunt his Request and doe cleere him from the fforfiture of his Bond: And wheras the Sayd Newman hath peticoned the Towne to permitt him to Inhabitt a time longer in this Towne the Towne doe give him Liberty to abide in this Towne-Shipp Vntill the begininge of June next, Soe that he remove him Selfe and wife Cleerly out of this Townes Liberties before the first munday in the Sayd next june, which if he doe not he the Sayd Newman Shall forfitt the Sum̄ of five pownds to the Towne Treasury

what is accounted A sufficien fence

Voated ffor as much, as there is many Damages done in Corne and Grass, and many Catle hurt and many harte burneings amongst Neighbours: It is Ordered for the time to come that he or they within the Bounds of this Towne of portsmouth that will make Suffitient ffences Shall Recover Satisfaction of the owners of the Catle that doth him damage or of the owners of the Catle that doth him damage: or of the owners of the ffences by which he hath his damage the fence beinge not found according to Order ffor a fence Called a Virginia ffence It is ordered that it Shall be fower ffoot and a halfe high Stakt with Stakes halfe a foot above the fence plumb up and that not any of the Rayles be above fower inches from his ffellow till it come to the Rayle next under the Stakes and that next under the Stakes be but tenn inches from that above the Stakes, And for post and rayles it Shall be of the Same hight of the Virginia ffence ffower ffoot and Six inches high and the distance betweene Every rayle accordinge to that of the Virginia ffence afore-sayd And for Stone wall they Shall be fower foot and Six inchis high, And

for a hedg or a hedg and ditch or a Ditch only the Suffitiencie of any of them Shall be juged according to the Veiwers Jugments: And for that purpose fower men Shall be Chossen they or any two of them to See and Veiw the ffencis when men Shall have occassion to looke for Satisfaction for damage done by other mens Catle or other mens ffencis joyneinge upon them and these fower or any two of them Veiwers to be well payd of those that the damage Shall light upon

The men Chossen to Veiw and Surveigh ffences are Edward ffisher Edward Lay L[t] John Albro and Georg Lawton.

Voated It is ordered that a Suffitient pownd be Sett up in this Towne and in the place where the old pownd was and that the Treasurer m[r] William Baulston is to take Care and Cause it to be done and Sett up if it can be by the last of June next, and to that End the Treasurer is to imploy William Hall or Some others to Efect the worke the charge wherof is to be borne and by the Towne. And John Sanford and L[t] ffran. Brayton are to Asist m[r] Baulston in the Efectinge the worke

Voated that Thomas Jenings Sen[r] is chosen pownd keeper and is to have for his paines two pence ℔ head for all Catle that are pownded for Trespas, which is to be payd by the owners of the Catle, and the Sayd Jenings in his abscence is to apoynt one in his Roome:

[**152**] At A Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth on their Election Day being the 5th of June 1671

m[r] William Baulston Chossen Moderator of this meetinge.

John Sanford Chossen Towne Clerke: Engaged.

m[r] Georg Lawton
John Sanford
m[r] phillip Shearman
m[r] Thomas Cornell
L[t] ffrancis Brayton
m[r] William Hall
} Chossen of the Towne Counsell.

m^{r} William Baulston chossen Towne Treasurer Engaged
Thomas Jenings chossen Towne Serjant Engaged

John Cooke
Danill Greenell Engaged
L^{t} ffrancis Brayton
William Allin: Engaged.
} Chossen Cunstables

m^{r} William Baulston
Captn Sam^{ll} Wilbur
m^{r} Joshua Coggeshall
} Chossen Overseers of the poore

John Sanford
m^{r} John Tripp
} Chossen Survayers for Catle as Shall be Tranceported off the Island within this Towne-shipp.

Ordered that the Order made June the 8th 1658 Concerninge the Survayinge of Catle is Continewed Only it is Excepted that such who on their Necessary occassion doe Ride their Comon Rideinge horse they need not goe to the Surveiyers.

Voated and Ordered that a Rate of ffifty pownds be forth-with made and Levied in this Towne for the Supply of the poore and payinge of Towne Debts: And it is ordered that five men Shall be chossen and Authorized they or the major part of them to Levie and assess the Sayd Rate of 50^{l} the men chossen and apoynted to make the Sayd rate are John Sanford m^{r} Georg Lawton, m^{r} Thomas Cornell m^{r} phil. Shearman and m^{r} Robert Hazard. And that the Sayd Rate Shall be made by the persons Chossen or the Major part of them before or on the 13th of this instant June.

Voated that the persons afore-Named to make the rate of 50^{l} are alsoe ordered to Awditt the rate of 30^{l} Levied the 17th of June 1670 and make returne to the Towne

It is also Ordered that when the Sayd Rate of 50^{l} is made and Signed by the afore named persons appointed therto or the Major part of them the Towne Serjant Shall informe each person, what

he is rated and the Sayd Rate is to be brought in and payd vnto the Towne Treasurer m^r William Baulston, on the 26^t day of this instant June and if any person Shall Refuse or Neglect to pay his part of the Sayd Rate assessed, then by a warrant from the Majestrates in this Towne the Sayd Sum or Sum̄s assessed in the Sayd Rate Shall be Seaissed and taken from the person Soe Refuseinge or Neglectinge to pay together with the Charge of Such Distraint. The rest of the overseers of the poore are joyned with the Treasurer m^r William Baulston in the Receipt of the Sayd Rate.

Voated That John Sanford Towne Clerke Shall be allowed and payd by the Towne out of this next Rate of 50^l the Sum̄ of Three pownds for his Ordinary and Extraordinary imployment as Towne Clerke this last yeare

Voated that whereas William Newman with his wife was Ordered at the last Towne Meeteinge to depart this Towne before this instant Meetinge vpon the pennalty of fforfittinge of ffive pownds the Towne doe order that his Sayd fforfiture of 5^l Shall Not be Remitted vntill he give in Suffitient Securety for his Departure.

John Coggeshall jun^r and Thomas Wayte are admitted ffreemen of this Towne.

Thomas Brigs of prudance Stands propounded to be admitted a freeman.

[**153**] At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth, at their Meetinge Held the 6^t of July 1671

m^r William Baulston Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Voated That wheras the Rate of 50^l ordered to be Levied at the last Towne Meetinge June 5th 1671 was according to the Sayd Order made. yett was detained Soe long that the time of paiment was Elapsed, And the Sayd Rate beinge to this Meeting presented is now ordered to goe forth, and Each person

therin Assessed is to bringe in his Sum̄ Mentioned in the Sayd Rate which is Dated June the 13th 1671 according to the Tenure of the Sayd Order in June last and is now to be payd and brought in by Each person on Wedensday next which will be the 12th day of this instant July And those that Neglect to bring in their proportions Asessed in the Sayd Rate Shall be distrained on as Exprest in the former Order of June the 5th which Said Order, in that Respect is hereby Continewed.

It is Ordered That mr phillip Shearman is Continewed the Townes Agent and Aturney and mr William Hall is Now joyned unto him to proscicute and finnish the layinge open the high-way and Spring ffenced in by mr Almy (for which he was the last Court of Tryalls fownd Guilty) vntill it be layd open accordinge to the true bounds therof John Sanford is added unto them to Asist in the Matter.

Voated It is Ordered that William Hall Shall be payd and allowed him out of this 50l Rate the Sum̄ of fforty Shills in Consideration of his trouble and Charge. on the Townes behalfe in the difference betweene the Towne and mr William Almy.

Voated Wheras the Inhabitants of the Island prudance have Complained that they Know not how to pay the last Levies on them in the 50l Rate and the 19l Rate to be payd to the Genrl Treasurer, ffor as Much as the Sayd Levies are Not devided and pertickularly assessed on the Inhabitants: And they desireinge that for as much as they Cannot amongst them selves agree to devide it on the pertickulars Have desired the Towne to Send over Some persons to devide and Levie it for them, The Towne therfore have chossen John Sanford and mr John Tripp to goe to prudance and have alsoe impowred them there to Levie assess and devide the Sayd Rates on the pertickular Inhabitants of the Sayd prudance that Each may Know the proportion he is to pay And alsoe the Said two persons are impowred when they come there if theere appeere any wrong to any the Inhabitants of prudance in this last 50l Levie they have power to rectefy it to the

Complaint prudence men

best of their informations and Judgments Soe the whole Sum Levied be made up amongst the Inhabitants of prudance And for their charge and trouble herein the Inhabitants of prudance Shall beare and Satisfy it:

Voated That wheras there is a motion made in the late Gen^{rl} Asembly vnto the Severall Townes for the lessninge the Number of Deputies in Each Towne. and for the takeinge due Course for the payinge those that attend. and for an act of Oblivion for remitinge of what hath been formerly due. This Towne haveinge Considered the Motions Doe very well approve the act of Oblivion for what hath been formerly due. But doe not See Cause to lessen the Number of their Deputies, And doe order for the ffuture incourragment of their Deputies to Atend Gen^{rl} Asemblys That those that atend that Service. Shall by the Towne from time to time be truly payd for their Service according to fformer Lawes of this Collony; And a Copie of this Order is to be Delivered to this Townes Deputies. when chossen for the next Gen^{rl} Asembly.

Voated That Wheras m^{r} Thomas Lawton hath taken in and built vpon Some Land at his farme against Icobod potters house. Neere the huntinge Swamp which proves to be on part of the Com̄on, and he haveinge Motiond. the Towne. That for as much as he hath been at great charge theron Desires the Towne to grant him the Sayd Land promissinge to Lay downe as much Land to the Com̄on, and Such Land that if it doe not by the Judgment of two men (by the Towne appointed to Judge it) apeere to them to be as good that then he will make up the quallity by Leaveinge out the more in quantety as the Said two men Shall Judge Equall. Vpon which Motion & Conditions the Towne have granted the Said Land he hath now fenced in from the Com̄on vnto him he performeinge his afore-said promis, And leavinge the well vnfenced to the Com̄on, And the Said Well to be Secured. by Thomas Martin and Icobod potter.

It is ordered that John Sanford Shall have Twenty ffive Shill^{s}

allowed and payd him out of this 50l Rate for Soe much Ordered him by the Genrl Asembly for Copies of the last Asemblys Orders.

The persons appointed to judge and Lay out the afore-sayd Land granted to be Exhanged with mr Thomas Lawton are:
Lt John Albro and mr William Hall.

[154] At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth Held the 22th of Septemr 1671

mr William Baulston chossen Moderator for this Meetinge

John Sanford mr Robt Hazard mr Caleb Arnold Lt ffraz Brayton	Chossen to Serve Deputies at the two next Genrl Asemblys the one to be held on the 25th day of this Instant Month the other to be holden the last Wedensday in October Next at Newport
mr Hugh parsons mr Edward ffisher mr Icobod potter	Chossen to Serve on the Gran-Jurry at the next Genrl Court of Tryalls to be holden at Newport the last Wedensday Save one beinge the 18th day of october next.
Ensigne Lott Strainge mr John Almy mr Antho. Shaw	Chossen pettit Jurry-men for the afore-said Court of Tryalls

phillip phetaplace haveinge propownded him selfe to be admitted a freeman amongst us, the Towne doe grant him leave to hyre and Inhabitt in the Towne and in the meane time he Stands propounded to be admitted a freeman the next meetinge.

At a Meeting Held october the 14th 1671

Voated that phillip phitaplace is admitted an Inhabitant amongst us.

It is voated and ordered that a rate be made in this Towne to raise the Sum̄ asessed on them by the last Gen^{rl} Asemb~ & to return ye Sd rate to the Gen^{rl} Treasu^{r} according as ye S^{d} Asem~ have ordered. It is alsoe ordered that Seven men be chossen to make the Sd rate, they or any fower or more of them to make and asess ye S^{d} rate on the ꝑtickular Inhabitants in this Towne, And the persons chossen are, phil. Shearman, John Tripp Senr Jno Sanford Tho; Cornell, Lathā Clarke. Caleb Arnold and William Alin of prudance; And the Tow̄. Serj^{t}: Shall give Notice to Wm Alin of the To^{s} choice & y^{t} he meet the rest chossen to make the rate at m^{r} Baulstons house

At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth Held the 14th of March $\frac{1671}{72}$

Mr William Baulston Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Voated upon the Consideration of the want of more Survayers for Catle in Respect that persons Inhabitinge remote from the Towne are Straitned in Com̄inge Soe ffarr, to the former Survayers, and alsoe their trouble to goe Soe ffarr The Towne doe Agree to choose two more Survayers, who are m^{r} phillip Shearman and Mathew Bordin.

John Sanford m^{r} John Tripp m^{r} Georg Lawton m^{r} Thom̄ Cornell	Chossen Deputies for the next Gen^{rl} Asembly to be held and sitt at Newport on the first Tuseday in Aprill next.

Voated that wheras John Sanford hath made appeere to this Meetinge that he hath purchassed Eight Acres of Land of Job Haukins which was granted by the Towne to Richd Haukins in 1643 and by him given unto his Said Sonn Job Haukins: The Towne doe agree and order that the Said Sanford Shall have the Said grant performed and layd out to him

Voated that m^{r} Baulston Shall have his former grant of tenn acrs made good to him in the Com̄on ffence.

Voated Wheras Complaint is made to this meetinge of great abusis and Mollestations to the Inhabitants of this Towne by the Indians Drunkenness which is much occassioned by the freaquent practices of Severall persons who are not Lycenced to Sell Strong drinke to the Indians whereby the peace and quiett of many is much disturbed, And for the preventinge the Said abusis within this Towne-shipp: It is ordered that ffor the ffuture noe person within this Towne Shall Sell Directly nor indirectly, any Strong drinke as Liquors, Syder, wine, or Strong beere, unto any Indian or English by retaile but only Such who are or Shall be Lycenced therto by the Towne; And if any Shall be found Trancegressinge this order. Vpon Complaint made and probation theron, by any person or persons vnto the Majestrates or a Majestrate in this Towne the ofending person Shall forfitt and pay the Sum̄ of Twenty Shillings to the Towne Treasury for each defect herein and if any person as afore-said doe not forthwith pay the Said pennalty it Shall be taken by distraint out of the Estate of the Ofending person by a warrant to the Cunstable vnder the hand of the Majestrates or a Majestrate.

[**155**] At a Meetinge of the ffree-Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth Held the 25th of Aprill 1672

mr William Baulston Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge
Voated that the last Asemblys Orders be red in this meetinge: which was done.

mr William Hall mr William Wodell mr Edward ffisher mr Anthony Emry	Chossen Deputies to Atend the Genrl Asemblyes to be held the 30th of Aprill, instant, and the Election and Asembly to be held the first of May next
Joseph Martin William Wilbur Gidion ffreeborne	Chossen Gran-Jurry men for the next Genrl Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport the Sixt day of may next.

John Bordin
Ralph Earll.
Danill Lawton
} Chossen pettitt-Jurry men to atend the afore-said Court of Tryalls the 6t of may next.

At A Meetinge of the ffree-Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmo on their Election Day beinge munday June the 3d 1672

mr Joshua Coggeshall Chossen Moderator of the meeting.
John Sanford Chossen Towne Clerke. Engaged

mr John Tripp Senr — Engaged
mr William Hall Senr — Engaged
John Sanford — Engaged
mr phillip Shearman — Engaged
mr William Wodell — Engaged
mr Edward ffisher — Engaged
: Chossen to be of the Towne Councill of this Towne.

mr William Wodell chossen Towne Treasurer Engaged
Thomas Jenings Senr chossen Towne Serjant Engaged

William Brigs — Engaged
Icobod Sheiffeild — Engaged
Latham Clarke
William Allin
} Chossen Cunstables

mr William Baulston
mr Joshua Coggeshall
mr William Wodell
} Chossen overseers for the poore in the towne

mr John Tripp Senr
John Sanford
mr phillip Shearman
mr Mathew Bordin
} Chosen Survayers for Catle.

Voated that the late Asembly acts Should be Red which was accordingly done

Voted That whereas the Towne according to law and Custom have made choyce of their Towne officers for the Insueinge Yeare,

And whereas m^r William Baulston the Eldist Asistant in this Towne is abscent from this Meetinge, and m^r Joshuah Coggeshall Scrupling to Administer the Engagement to the officers now chossen whereby they may be inabled to Act: for the preservation of the peace of the place: The Towne doe Order that Messingers be Sent unto m^r Baulston to desire him to come to this Meetinge, that according to law and Custom, the officers May be Engaged to the Severall places they are Elected unto, and make Speedy Returne hereof unto this Meetinge, The Messingers Sent from this Meetinge are Lt William Correy and Serj^t Jacob Mott.

Benjamin Congden, Thomas Brigs of prudance, Thomas Hicks and John Manchester are admitted ffreemen of this Towne.

[**156**] Voted That ffor the future noe Towne meetinge shall have power to act in any Towne Meetinge in affaires Relatinge to the Towne Except there be at least the number of ffifteene prescent at the Said meetinge, And ffurther ordered That for the future Noe Moderator of the Towne Meeting. Shall presume to desolve Such Said Meeting without the Major Vote of the Said Meetinge, And if any Moderator Shall from the Meeting withdraw him selfe without the leave of the Major part of the meetinge It Shall be in the power of that Meetinge to Elect an other to the place of Moderator and Soe proceed on in the affaires of the Towne, for which they were Called and Conveaned

the number that make A Town meeting

Edward ffisher, Edward Lay, Lt John Albro, and Georg Lawton are chossen Survayers for ffencis in this Towne.

Voted That John Sanford Shall have Therty Shillings from the Towne Treasury for his Service this last yeare as Towne Clerke.

Voted Whereas This Towne stands Indicted in the Gen^rl Court of Tryalls for the deficency of the Bridg on the Comon Neere Georg Lawtons house: The Towne Conceive that Bridg is Occassioned by the Said Georg Lawtons makeinge a damm there, and therefore doe Conceive he Ought to Maintaine the said Bridge: Therefore the Towne doe Order that two men be

chossen by the Towne to goe to the Said Georg Lawton and in the Townes behalfe desire him to make the Said Bridg Suffitient, or otherwise leave the high-way in the like Condition it was before he made that damn, The persons chossen are Robert Dennis and Serjant Jacob Mott, and they are to make Returne of his Answer to the next Towne Meetinge.

Concering A bridg Gorge Lawton

That the Eight acres of Land ordered to be layd out to John Sanford at the Towne Meeting held the 14th of March last is now ordered to be layd out by the Lotters leaveing a hig-way Twenty Rod wide betweene the Land of Joseph Anthony and that downe at the Sea John Tripp Senr doth protest against the afore-said act and grant of the Said Land.

Voted

That mr phillip Shearman mr Caleb Arnold and John Sanford or any two of them are appointed to Awditt the late Treasurers accounts Relatinge to the Towne: And It is ordered that what is found of the Townes Remaineinge in the late Treasurers hands Shall be Returned unto the pressent Treasurer, and the Awditt are to make Returne thereof to the next Towne Meetinge

Voted

This meetinge is Desolved

Voted

John Simmons Stands propounded to be Admitted a freeman afore the desolveing

At A Meetinge of the. ffree. Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth, the 14th of Octor 1672

mr John Tripp Chossen Moderator of this meetinge.

John Sanford. mr John Tripp mr John Anthony Senr Lt Williã Cadman	Chossen Deputys to Serve at the next Genrl Asembly to be held at Newport the last Wedensday in this instant Octobr:

Lt William Correy St Jacob Mott mr John Brigs.	Chossen Gran Jurry men for the Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport the last Wedensday Save one in this instant October.

Robert Hazard.
Georg Brownell
William Clarke.
} Chossen pettit Jurry men to Serve at the Court of Tryall afore-said.

Voted Whereas the last Towne Meetinge held the therd of June last Robt Dennis and Serjant Jacob Mott were desired by the Towne and Authorized to goe to mr Georg Lawton and Treat with him about the Bridg Neere to the doore of his dwelling house for the deficency of which said Bridg the Towne Stands Indicted, and they Returning to this Meetinge that accordingly they aplyed them selves to the Said mr Lawton and Received, his Answer, which doth not give the Towne Satisfaction: The Towne doe Now Order that men be againe Sent to him to Signefy they are Not Satisfyed that a Bridg Should Continew in the Towne Soe dangerous, and that if he doe not take Some Speedy Course to mend it, and make it in a Safe Condition for people to pase and Repase, the Towne will be forced to take Some other Course therein which they Rather desire may be prevented: And It is ordered that the said Robert Dennis and Serjt Jacob Mott are chossen to be the persons to goe to Geo. [**157**] Lawton againe and Carry a Copy of this Order with them, And alsoe the Towne Clerke is Ordered to draw out Coppys of this and the late Towne meeings Orders herein, and present it to the next. Court of Tryalls thereby to acquaint them with the Townes Care in this Matter

Voted That a Rate of Twenty pownds be made in this Towne for the Supply of the poore in the Towne to be dispossed off at the discression of the Overseers of the poore The persons chossen and appointed are St Robert Hazard Lt ffrancis Brayton John Sanford, mr Caleb. Arnold, and mr John Bordin, they or the Major part of them are impowred and Authorized to make the Said Rate, and the Said Rate is to be made betweene this and the, 19th, day this instant October, and when the Said Rate is made, the Rate makers shall Returne the Rate unto the Treasurer who there-

upon is impowred to Send it forth with the Towne Serjant to Signefy unto each person what they are Rated, and the Said Rate is to be brought in and payd by each person unto the Treasurer by the last day of Novemb^r Next, and to be payd, pease at three Shillings ℔ Bush^r Indian Corne at three Shill^s ℔ Bushall porke at three pence ℔ pound, Beife at two pence ℔ pound, Butter at Six pence ℔ pound. wooll at twelve pence ℔ pound, peage after the Rate of Sixteene ℔ peny white, and for cheese and other pay as men can agree with the Treasurer And if any person or persons Rated doe Refuse or Neglect to pay and deliver in the Sums. they are Rated unto the Treasurer on or before the Said last of November then Shall warrant be given forth from the Majestrates or Majestrate one or both in this Towne to distraine and bringe in the Same with charge by law due for the distraint.

Voted That the persons at the last Meetinge chossen to Awditt the late Treasurers accounts are Still Continewed, and they are Ordered to finish that worke and Make their Returne to the Next Towne Meetinge.

Voted This Meetinge is Desolved.

At a Meetinge off the. ffree. Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth at their Meetinge held the 6^t Day of Decem^r 1672

m^r Joshua Coggeshall Chossen Moderator of the meetinge

Voted That for as-much as there was a Rate of 20^l ordered the last Towne Meetinge to be made for the Supply of the poore in this Towne and those then appointed to be the Rate-Makers haveing Neglected to make the Said Rate, This Towne doe now againe Revise that Order and doe appoint and Authorize the persons then chossen to proceed in that worke. and Make the Said Rate, and whereas there doth apeere Severall other Debts, due from the Towne, Viz^tt to m^r Brenton two Barrills of porke, and to

John Sanford 5l 10s The Towne doe Now see Cause to augment the Rate and add Twenty pounds therto. Soe that Now the Rate Shall be fforty pounds, which Shall be brought in to the Treasurer in Specia and at prices, and in the Same Manner and vnder the Same pennalty. as is Exprest in the Said last Towne Meetings Order, And it is Ordered that the Treasurer take Speciall Care, out of the Said Rate to Satisfy and pay those persons that have Engaged to mr Brenton for the Said two Barrills of porke. And It is ordered that the Said Rate, is to be made and ffinished and Returned to the Treasurer at or before the 14th of this instant December, and to be brought in and paid to the Treasurer by each person upon the 23 and 24th daies of this instant December. And It is Ordered that mr Latham Clarke and mr John Coggeshall are added to the fformer Raters to the Makeinge of this Rate.

[**158**] Whereas mr phillip Shearman mr Caleb. Arnold and mr John Sanford were impowred to Awditt. and Receive. the late Treasurers mr Baulstons accounts Concerninge the Towne and that worke being Not yett ffinished this Meetinge doe Continew their power in that work and Order them with all Convenient Speed to finnish their power in that worke. and Order them with all Convenient Speed to finnish it and Make Returne thereof to the Next Towne Meetinge

Voted: That the afore-said 5l 10s due from the Towne to John Sanford Shall be paid to him out of this 40l Rate by the Treasurer

Thomas Eaton, Lawrance Springhast, are propounded to be admitted ffreemen of this Towne.

Voted. This Meetinge is dissolved.

At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth Held the 2 of March 1671/2

m^r William Baulston chossen Moderator of this Meetinge

John Sanford m^r Joshua Coggeshall m^r George Lawton m^r Thomas Cornell	Chossen Deputies to Serve at the next Gen^rl Asembly Espetially Called to Sitt and be houlden at Newport the 5th day of this Instant month March

Voted this Meetinge is Desolved

At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth Held the 29th of Aprill 1673

m^r Joshua Coggeshall Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge

William Hall William Wodell William Cadman Robert Dennis	Chossen Deputies to Sitt and act at the two next Gen^rl Asemblys, on the 6^t and 7th of May next at Newp^t
Gidion ffreeborne John Cooke ffrancis Brayton	Chossen Gran-Jurry-men
Mathew Bordin Samuell Sanford William Hall jun^r	Chossen Pettitt Jurry-men

Voted. that a Letter from the Towne of Warwick Subscribed by their Clerke be Red which was accordingly done.

Voted Thomas Eaton, Robert Hodgson, Gyles pearce, Adam Mott Junr, Will Lany John Heath, Robert Brownell, Thomas Manchester jun^r are admitted ffree-men of this Towne.

Voted this Meetinge is Desolved.

[**159**] At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth held on their Election Day beinge the 2 of June 1673

m^r John Tripp chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

by the Election

John Sanford, chossen Towne Clerke Engaged

mr Phillip Shearman John Sanford Lt William Cadman mr Edward ffisher mr John Brigs mr Robert Dennis	Chossen to be of the Towne Councill

mr William Wodell Chossen Towne Treasurer Engaged

Thomas Jenings chossen Towne Serjant Engaged

Robert Hodgson Joseph Martin Mathew Bordin William Allin	chossen Cunstables

mr Joshua Coggeshall mr John Tripp and mr William Wodell chossen Overseers of the poore

John Sanford mr John Tripp mr phillip Shearman mr Mathew Bordin	Chossen Survayers of Catle.

Voted That whereas mr William Baulston hath in his Custody Severall Coppies of Genrl Court and Asemblys acts which the Towne doe conceive belonge to them The Towne doe Order that Some persons be chossen to treat with mr Baulston and desire of him that what belongs to the Towne may be delivered and if to them it doth apeare that the Said Copies have been paid for by mr Baulston out of his owne Estate That then the Towne are willinge to allow him his disburcements and charges for the Said Copies. The persons chossen are mr phillip Shearman mr William Hall and John Sanford who are impowred to treat with

m^r Baulston and Receive the pertickulars and Returne their actings herein to the next Towne Meetinge.

Voted That John Sanford Shall have Therty Shillings for his Service this last Yeare as Towne Clerke to be paid him by the Treasury.

Voted That the power of the Lotters in layinge out of Land for the future is by this meetinge made Null and Voyd. Untill the Towne See cause to Empower it againe

Voted this meetinge is Desolved.

At a Meetinge of the free-men of the Towne of portsmouth Held the 10th day of October 1673

m^r John Tripp chossen Moderator of this Meetinge

John Sanford m^r Edward ffisher m^r Adam Mott m^r John Bordin	Chossen Deputies to Sitt and act in the Next Gen^rl Asembly to be held at Newport
Lt William Correy Ensigne Lott Strainge m^r Thomas ffish	Chossen Gran-Jurry-men for the next Gen^rl Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport.
Daniell Greenell John Coggeshall Thomas Eaton	Chossen to atend the next Gen^rl Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport on the Jurrey of Tryalls.

John Simmons stands propounded to be admitted a free-man.

[160] George Sisson Stands propounded to be admitted a freeman

John Smith and John Snooke are propounded to be admitted ffreemen

Voted. Upon the Request of William Lawton who was a Souldier in the foart at New-Yorke and by the Dutch takeinge New-Yorke, was forced from his habitation there, and now thereupon beinge in distress doth desire liberty to Sojourne in this Towne and follow

his trade for a livelyhood beinge a taylor: The Towne haveinge Considered his Request, doe grant the Said William Lawton Liberty to abide in this Towne-shipp, untill the meetinge, before the Gen^{rl} Asembly and Election in may Next

Voted Vpon the Complaint of m^{rs} Sarah Smyton to this meetinge Concerninge a differrence that is betweene her selfe and Thomas Jenings Concerninge the devission line of their land joyneinge together, and She Eleaginge that She hath ussed all Neighbourly meanes she can* to Issue the Said Differrence, which notwithstandinge proves Inefectuall, and therefore desires the Townes assistance in ussinge their Endeavors for Setlinge the line and if possible to Isue the differrence. And The Towne findeinge that formerly Viz^{t} in the yeare 1661 May the 11th in the licke differrence between m^{r} John Porter and m^{r} Thomas Brownell the Towne have acted and Chose five-men as apears by that Order for the Issueinge of that differrence, and not Only that but all other differrences of that Nature, and there beinge but three men of the Said five Now liveinge in this Towne, the Towne doe See Cause to Continew. their power, and ~~leiw.~~ in Stead† of those two wantinge, the Towne add two more to those Surviveinge three, the persons added are m^{r} William Hall and Captn John Albro, who with the Said three Surviveors Viz$^{t.}$ m^{r} John Brigs L^{t} ffrancis Brayton and John Sanford, or the Major part of them the Towne doe impower to use their Endeavors to Issue the Said differrence and all other of that Nature in this Towne, and make returne of what they doe in the premisses from time to time to the Towne.

Voted This meetinge is Desolved.

At a Meetinge of the free-Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth Held the. 28^{t} day of Novemb^{r} 1673

* In paler ink "can" is changed to "could."

† This correction is in paler ink.

Mr John Tripp Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge

Voted That the account of those whoe are Indebted and behinde in Rates be openly Read

John Kease, Samuell Bordin, Marke Athy and John Hoomery and Benja~ Chase are propounded to be ffree men of this Towne.

George Sisson and John Simmons are admitted ffreemen of this Towne

Voted That whereas mr Peter Talman is behinde in Rates the Sum of ffowerteene or Seventeene Shillings, and he haveinge been at charge in the Cure of Leonard pearcy and beinge willinge and haveinge acquitted the Towne from any further claime concerninge the Said Leonard the Towne doe thereupon offsett the Said Sums and doe allow it him

Voted this meetinge is desolved.

At a Meetinge of the free-Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth Held the 21t day of Aprill 1674

Captn Samuell Wilbore chossen Moderator of this meetinge.

John Sanford Lt Willia~ Cadman Ens~ Lott Strainge mr William Wodell	Chossen Deputies to Sitt and act at the two-next Genrl Asemblys to be held at Newport in May next.
Thomas Lawton Hugh Parsons Thomas Manchester	chossen to Serve on the Gran-jurry at the next Court of Tryalls in may next at Newport.
Henry Brightman Thomas Wayte Icobod potter	chossen to Serve on the jurry of Tryalls at the next Genrl Court of Tryalls in May next at Newport.

[161] Voted That a Letter Directed to the moderator and free-men of this Meetinge be opened and Read. which was accordingly done, and was Subscribed John Clarke.

Marke Athy. John Kease, Samuell Bordinge, and Benj.~ Chase are admitted free-men of this Towne.

Voted That William Lawton Taylor, hath Liberty granted him to Sojourne and Inhabitt in this Towne-shipp twelve-months from the time of this meetinge.

John Wilbore. Sonn of William Wilbore Stands propounded to be admitted a freeman of this Towne.

Voted that this Meetinge is Desolved

Att a Meetinge of the free-Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth on their Election Day beinge the first day of June 1674

m^r John Tripp Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.
John Sanford Chossen Towne Clerke.

John Sanford
Lt William Cadman
Ens~ Lott Strainge
m^r John Brigs Senr
m^r Thomas ffish
m^r Robt Dennis
} Chossen to be of the Towne Councill and Engaged

m^r William Wodell Chossen Tresurer Engaged
Thomas Jenings Chossen Towne Serjant Engaged

John Bordin
William Wilbore
Danill Greenell
Thomas Brigs of prudance
} chossen Cunstables and Engaged

m^r Joshua Coggeshall
m^r John Tripp
m^r William Wodell
} Chossen Overseers of the poore.

m^r John Tripp
m^r William Wodell
m^r John Heath
John Anthony jun^r
} Chossen Survayers of Cattell.

Voted Vpon Searious Consideration of the inconveniencys that may insue to the Towne by beinge too forward in admittinge freemen, and for the future to prevent the Same, and that if ffreemen hereafter be admitted that are persons that are not free-borne it may be Knowne and detirmined what freedome and previledges they are admitted unto, The Towne See Cause to Referr the further Consideration of the Matter unto a Comittee, desireinge and impowringe them to draw up Some absolute detirmination in the. premisses, and present what they agree on and draw up to the next Towne Meetinge for their Consideration and Confirmation if then by the Towne aproved of, as alsoe to Consider Some way to prevent the great Imbezlinge of the wood and timber in our Townes Comons, and to Consider of Some way to prevent the driveinge of Sheep on the Comon and therby removeinge them from their wonted walke; The Names of those appointed to be of this Comittee are mr phillip Shearman, John Sanford ffrancis Brayton Senr William Wodell, William Hall, John Albro, Gidion ffreeborne.

Voted That the Towne Clerke John Sanford Shall have fforty Shillings for his Service done for the Towne as Towne Clerke this last yeare and the Said Sum to be paid him out of the Treasury by the Towne Treasurer.

Voted the meetinge is desolved

[**162**] At a Meeting of the free-Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth, held at mr Brigs his house the 10th of Octobr 1674

mr John Tripp Chossen Moderator of this meetinge.

mr Jacob Mott
mr Thomas ffish
mr Daniell Lawton
mr John Anthony junr

} Chossen Deputies for the next Genrl Asembly to be held at Newport the last Wensday in this instant October.

m^{r} John Almy m^{r} Mathew Bordin m^{r} John Strainge	Chossen to Serve on the Grand Jurry at the next Gen^{rl} Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport the last Wensday Save one in this instant october.
Georg Sisson Jeremiah Wayte David Vahan	Chossen to Serve on the Jurry of Tryalls at the Court of Tryall afores^{d}

The Generall Asembly acts made in May last publickly Read

Voted That whereas Thomas Jenings Towne Serjant is removed and the Towne Know not where nor whether he is gon, The Towne have Chossen Thomas Manchester Senr to be Towne Serjant untill the next Towne-Election.

Voted that the Towne Serjant for his Service this part of the yeare insueinge for warning Towne Meetings Deputys and Jurry-men Shall have Six pence from each freeman for his Service therein

Voted That John Wood a weaver is permitted to Sojourne in this Towne untill the next Towne Meeting

Voted Whereas at the last Towne-meeting there was a Com̄ittee appointed to draw up their Result in Severall matters Relatinge to Sundry greivences in the Towne, and they not haveinge done any thing in that Matter, the Towne doe See Cause to Continew the power to them then Com̄itted, and doe order that they make their Returne thereon unto the next Towne Meetinge, and it is Referred unto William Wodell and John Sanford to Indeavor a Meetinge of the Said Com̄ittee to Consider of the premisses in Some Convenient time between this and the next Meetinge.

Voted this Meetinge is desolved.

At a Meetinge. of the ffree-Inhabitants of the Towne of Ports mouth at John Sanfords house the 9th of Aprill 1675

m^{r} Joshua Coggeshall chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Captn John Albro m^{r} Georg Lawton m^{r} Gidion ffreeborne m^{r} William Wodell	Chossen Deputys for the two next Gen^{rl} Asemblys to be held at Newport in May next.
ffrancis Brayton Senr Thomas Wood Anthony Shaw	Chossen Grand-Jurry-men
Joseph Anthony Abraham Anthony Thomas Eaton	chossen to Serve on the Jurry of Tryalls

Voted That phillip Cu$\overline{\text{m}}$ing is admitted to Soujourne at William Wodells untill the next Towne meetinge

Voted that William Manchester, William Brownell, and John Wilbore are admitted ffreemen of this Towne:

Voted this Meetinge is Desolved.

At a Meetinge of the ffree-Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth on their Election day the 7th of June 1675

m^{r} John Tripp chossen Moderator of the meetinge.
John Sanford chossen Towne Clerke Engaged

John Sanford Lott Strainge William Cadman Thomas ffish Senr Robert Denis Gidion ffreeborne	Chossen to be of the Towne Councell and Engaged

[**163**] William Wodell Chossen Towne Treasurer Engaged
Thomas Manchester Chossen Towne Serjant Engaged
Voted that there be four Cunstables chosen in this Towne-shipp besids one at prudance.

Joseph Anthony Georg Sisson Georg Brownell William Wodell William Allin	Chossen Cunstables and all Engaged
m^{r} Joshua Coggeshall m^{r} John Tripp m^{r} Willia$^{\sim}$ Wodell	Chossen overseers of the poore, and alsoe to take Care that Straingers be Not Entertained in this Towne but according to Order.
m^{r} John Tripp John Sanford John Anthony jun^{r} Robert Hazard Abra· Anthony	Chossen Surveiers of Cattell for this yeare.

m^{r} John Tripp is appointed to prove all Measures and weights as are brought to him in this Towne-shipp and Seale them accordinge as the law of this Collony hath provided.

Voted that the Charge of procureinge true Measures Viz^{tt} a Gallon and a halfe Bushall accordinge to the Standards appointed by the Collony Shall be borne and paid by the Townes Treasury.

Voted that the Councill of this Towne are Empowred to Awditt the Townes accounts with the Treasurer for these two yeares last past and Make returne thereof to the next Towne Meetinge.

Voted The Towne doe grant Liberty to Phillip Cum̄minge to Soujourne in this Towne till the Towne See further Cause to remove him:

Voted: Upon the Engagement of Nicholas Browne and William Browne in this meetinge unto the Towne. that John Wood, a weavor nor his ffamely Shall not be any Charge to the Towne for the time of twelve-months and a day from this meetinge. The Towne doe grant the Said John Wood Liberty to Soujourne in this Towne the Said Time of twelve months and a day.

Voted That John Sanfords accounts as Recorder and Towne Clerke is Referred to the Towne Councill to Awditt and what they finde due to him Shall be paid him by the Towne Treasurer.

Whereas m^r William Baulston hath Engaged under his hand that Cornelus Higman dureinge the time he is with Richard Bulgar Shall not be chargeable to the Towne, The Towne doe grant that the said Cornelus Higman hath Liberty to Sojourne in this Towne dureinge the time of that Engagement:

Voted that the Complaint of Severall Concerninge m^r Talmans inclossinge a hie-way is Referred to Consideration at the next Sittinge of this meetinge.

Voted that this Meetinge is adjourned untill the first munday in july next which will be the fifth day of the Said month:

At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth held the 16th of July 1675.

m^r John Tripp chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Voted Whereas by an Order of the Governor Dep^t Governo^r and Councells of the Towne of Newport and this Towne held the 12th of July 1675. a Rate of four hundred pound was ordered to be levied in this Island and this Towne to pay one hundred and twenty pounds of the Said 400^l The Towne doe order that nine men be chossen to make the Said Rate.

The persons chossen are m^r phillip Shearman, John Sanford, Captn John Albro, m^r Joshua Coggeshall m^r John Tripp, Thomas ffish Senr, Latham Clarke, Gidion ffreeborne & John Brigs Senr they or the Major part of them are Empowred to make the Said Rate and with all Convenient speed Returne it under their hands unto the Treasurer of this Towne:

Voted that whereas there is a debt due to John Sanford as Recorder and Towne Clerke for Coppys of Asembly acts and Towne Service; Therefore there Shall be aded tenn pounds in the Said Rate Soe that the rate Shall be made one hundred and thirty

pounds out of which the Said John Sanford Shall have his debt from the Towne beinge five pounds Eighteen Shillings paid him by the Treasurer.
And it is ordered that what each person paies in to the Treasurer Shall be paid in at Such rates or prices as Newport men agree to pay their rates, which is to be informed and mentioned in the warrant from the Majestrates for Callinge in the rates, And it is ordered that the daies for each person to bringe in their Rates when the Rate is ffinished Shall be appointed by the Rate-makers and mentioned in the warrant:
Voted this Meetinge is desolved.

[**164**] At a Meetinge of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth Held the 12th day of October 1675 at the house of John Brigs

Captn John Albro chossen Moderator
John Coggeshall chosen clerke for that
Robert Hazard chossen first deputy
Captn John Albro chossen second deputy
Samuell Wilbore chosen third deputy
Caleb Arnold chossen fourth deputy

Adam Mott chossen first gran Juryman
Jacob Mott chosen Second gran Juryman
Mathew Borden chosen third gran juryman

John Anthony chosen first of the Jury of Tryalls
William Correy chosen the Second of the jury of tryalls
Isaac Lawton chosen the third for the jury of tryalls

Win Mill land: Granted by the Towne that a wind-mill may have soe much ground out of the Comon as the Sweep Carries round

Liberty to Hugh Cole Granted by the Towne that Hugh Cole may have liberty to make use of some of the win falls that is downe for to build a

small frame, and to make some wheeles for the use of the Townesmen for their mony:

Aturneys for the Towne

It is Ordered that Lott Strainge, ffrancis Brayton and Anthony Emry are chosen by the Towne for Aturneys to plead the Townes right for a hie-way which Peter Talman is Indicted for and have power to choose an Aturney at the Townes charge

Concerninge rees & wood

Ordered by the Towne that not one green tree or trees Shall be faln but they shall be Carried away top and body all that is fitt for Timber or fire-wood Except such timber as William Correy doth use about the Mill for the tearme of two yeares, that is to say the wood that growes upon the Comon upon the pennalty of five pound a tree. After any tree is faln it must not lye above a month before it be all cutt out into fire-wood:

A: True Coppy Entred ꝑ me. John Sanford Towne Clerke.

At a Meetinge of the free-Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth. held at Lt Will. Correys house the 8th of December: 1675:

mr Joshua Coggeshall chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Rate of 120l.

Voted. Whereas the Councill of warr in this Island at their Meetinge held the 6t of this instant month, have Ordered a rate of one hundred and Twenty pounds to be levied in this Towne.

The: Towne doe Order that those persons who were chossen at the meetinge held the 16th of July last to make and asess the rate then Ordered: Shall be the persons to make and levie this rate, they or the Major part of them, which is to be made and signed will all Conveniant speed

Voted this meetinge is desolved.

At a Meetinge held 14th of January 1675:

mr John Albro chossen Moderator:

John Keese chosen Clerke for the day

It is Voted and detirmined that all those persons which have

Concerninge Indians

Indians which was brought on this Island have liberty for Six weeks time to Sell and send them off from this Towne.

It is further Ordered that noe Inhabitant in this Towne for the future shall buy or keep an indian or Indians in his house or Else where, upon the forfiture of five pounds Sterll~ for every Indian bought:

Copp^a: Entred ℘ me. John Sanford Towne Clerke.

At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth held at the house of John Brigs Senr the 8th of March 1675

m^r Joshua Coggeshall chosen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Voted Concerninge Indians

Whereas Severall persons in this Towne-shipp have made purchass of Indians which were latly taken and brought to the. Island. which apeares troublsome to most of the Inhabitants, and the Sufferinge Such Indians to abide amongs us may prove very prejuditiall, It is therefore ordered that all those persons whoe have any Indian man or woman in this Towne have one months time liberty from this Meetinge to Sell and Send them off from this Towne, and that noe Inhabitant in this Towne-shipp after that time Shall for the future buy or keep any Indian or Indians soe bought or to be bought upon the pennalty and forfiture of five pounds Sterll for every Month they shall keep any Such Indian, and the Same pennalty to be duly [**165**] taken by distraint by Vertue of a warrant under a Majestrats hand to any Cunstable and Returned to the Towne. Treasury:

Robert Hazard Mathew Bordin Lt Willi. Correy John Sanford	Chosen Deputys for the Gen^rl Asembly to be held by Especiall Order from the. Governo^r at Newport the 13th of this instant.

Voted. whereas severall persons by Reason of the troublsom times with the Indians are necessitated (by their beinge forced from

and lent for plantinge

their habitations, and thereby Some of our Neighbours) for a Supply of Land to plant on, and this Towne beinge willinge to afoard Neighbourly Charety to men in want and distress, doe agree and Order that one hundred acres if there be Occassion for Soe much Shall be Sett or laid out in Such Convenient places in this Townes Comons as may be most Convenient for those that want releife, and Soe as it may not be prejudiciall to any free Inhabitant, and what shall be Soe lent to men they shall improve by Sowinge or plantinge for the time of two yeares from the date of this Meetinge, and noe longer, and then the Said Land to be freely left with the fences to the Towne, and not built upon, and for the proportions to each man and the places where they shall be accomodated is by this meetinge Referred to a Comittee of Six men or Major part of them: The persons chosen are mr Joshua Coggeshall Captn John Albro, mr William Wodell, John Sanford, mr phillip Shearman and Robert Hazard

concerninge horses goeinge on the Comon.

Voted That noe person within this Towneshipp Shall have liberty of above one horse kinde above a yeare old to pasture on the Comon from the first of Aprill till the last of October yearly for the future; and that, one horse kinde soe beinge on the Comon to be kept well fettred or Shackld, and if any horse kinde above one Yeare old be found on the Comon in this Towne-shipp Contrary to this Order, if the owner thereof after warneinge given take not Speedy Course to ffetter or shackle the said horse kinde, It shall be Lawfull for any person to kill the Said horse kinde soe unfettered or unshackled

Samuell Albro, and Joseph Nicolson Stand propounded to be admitted freemen

Voted this meetinge is desolved:

At a Meetinge of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth held at John Brigses house the 21t of Aprill 1676

Captn John Albro chosen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Voted that the four Deputies to be chossen shall be the Deputys for this Towne for both the Asemblys, to be held at Henry Palmers house at Newport on the Second and third days of may next:

•m^{r} Georg. Lawton m^{r} Sam^{ll} Wilbore m^{r} Gidion ffreeborne L^{t} ffrancis Brayton	Chossen Deputies for the Asemblys afore-said
Hugh Mosher Latham Clarke Henry Brightman	chossen Gran-jurrio^{rs} for the Court of Tryall in May Next.
William Cadman Adam Mott jun^{r} John Albro jun^{r}	chossen for the jurry of Tryalls at the Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport in May Next.

The last Asemblys acts were in this meetinge publickly read

Voted this Asembly is desolved.

At a Meetinge. of the ffree-Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth, on their Election day the. 5th of June. 1676.

m^{r} Joshua Coggeshall Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

John Sanford chossen Towne. Clerke. Engaged.

John Sanford. John Albro Senr Samuell Wilbore. John Heath ffrancis Brayton Senr William Wodell	Chosen of the Towne Councell and all Engaged only William Wodell

[**166**] William Wodell. Chossen Towne. Treasurer Engaged.

Thomas Manchester Senr Chosen Towne Serj^{t} Engaged.

William Wilbore Senr Hugh Parsons Mathew Greenell William Allin	Chossen Cunstables
John Tripp Senr John Sanford John Anthony	Chossen Survayers for Cattell
m^{r} Joshua Coggeshall m^{r} William Cadman William Wodell	are chosen overseers for the poore in this Towne and alsoe to take Care that noe persons come to Inhabitt in this Towne but accordinge to order.

Voted That the Towne Clerke John Sanford Shall be paid the Sum of four pounds Currant pay on this Island. and the Same to be paid by the Towne Treasurer for his Service as Towne Clerke and his labour and trouble for other writeings for the Towne Councell, and alsoe Shall have Sixteen Shillings in like pay for Soe much due to him for Coppys of Asembly acts which in the whole is four pound Sixteen shillings to be paid by the Treasurer at price currant to the merchants

At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth Held at m^{r} Brigses house the 7th of October 1676

m^{r} Joshua Coggeshall chosen Moderator

m^{r} William Wodell m^{r} Mathew Bordin m^{r} John Bordin m^{r} Daniell Lawton	are chosen Deputyes for the Next Gen^{rl} Asembly
John Strainge Daniell Greenell Daniell Wilcocks	are chosen to be on the Gran-Jurry the next Court of Tryalls

ffrancis Brayton ju^{r}
Benjã. Shearman
Tho Manchester jun^{r}
} are chosen to be on the pettit-jurry the Next Court of Tryalls.

This meetinge by Vote desolved:

At a Meetinge of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth held at m^{r} Brigses house the 14th of Aprill 1677

m^{r} Joshua Coggeshall chosen Moderator

John Sanford
L^{t} ffrancis Brayton
m^{r} Edward Lay
St Thomas Wood
} chosen Deputys for the two Next Gen^{rl} Asemblys

Robert Hassard
Samuell Sanford
Gidion ffreeborne
} are chosen to be on the Gran-Jurry the next Court of Tryalls

Joseph Anthony
Thomas Havens
Thomas Dorfie
} are chosen to be on the pettit jurry the next Court of Tryalls.

The last Asemblys acts published.
Voted this meetinge is desolved.

[167] At a meetinge of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth on their Election day heald at William Bolston's the 4th of June 1677

Samuell Wilbore Chosen moderator of this meeting
John Anthony Chosen Towne Clerke and Engaged

William Cadman
Joshua Coggeshall
Robert Hazard
William Wodell
Peleg Tripp
John Borden
} Chosen to be of the Towne Councell and all Engaged

William Wodell Chosen Teasurer Engaged
Thomas manchester Senior chosen Towne Serjant Engaged

Thomas Eaton
John Coggeshall
Abraham Anthony
William Allin
} chosen Counstables Engaged

Joshua Coggeshall
William Cadman
William Wodell
} are chosen overseers for the poore in this Towne and alsoe to take care of the cominge in of persons to this Towne that are Straingers and may bee Chargeable

John Tripp Senr
John Sanford
John Anthony
} Chosen Surveyers of Cattell

uoted William Coggeshall Joseph Nicolson sen^r Joshua Coggeshall jun^r Benjamin Hall and Thomas Cornell are all admitted freemen of this Towne

uoted Robert Hauens and William Wilbore Junior admitted freemen of this Towne

uoted that William Earl hath Liberty to Trancport three or foure Thousand of Board or plank

uoted this meetinge is desolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 14th of the 11th month 1696 at the house of William Cory

voted Joseph Sheffield Chosen moderator

voted this meeting is dissolved

[168] at a meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth held at John Brigses Senior hous on the : 2th : of october : 1677 :

Samuell Wilbore Choosen moderator for this day

John Sanford
George Lawton
Caleb Arnold
Latham Clarke
} are choosen deputyes for the next genarall Assembly

matthew Borden
Robert Denniss
William Cory
} are choosen granjury men for the next Court of Tryalls

Hugh mosyer
Joseph Tripp
Henry Brightman
} are chosen to bee of the jury for the Court of Tryalls

uoated that John Sanford Shall have forty waight of good marchantable Sheeps wool for his last years searuis in being Towne Clerke

uoated that John Cooke Junior Sonn to Thomas Cooke is admitted a free man of This Towne

uoated that the land lent unto perticler men out of the Common in this Towneship for their present supply to plant on it being now to Return unto the Towne againe the Towne do agree and order that it Shall bee in the powre of A Committy which the Towne Shall Choose to let out or set the Same or any part thereof for one yeare to whome and on what terms they or the major part of them Shall See good only for Sowing and the Rent for the use of the Same to bee paid into the treasury for the use of the Towne

A Commity impowered Conserning Land

uoated that the Commyty Chosen for the Abouesaid Service are George Lawton John Albro senior William Wodell Robert Hodgson and Peleg Tripp

uoated that George Lawton is aded to John Albro and the Rest of the Commity for the Straightening of Lines of mens Lands according to former order

uoated this meeting is dissolved

at a meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth on the 27th day of december 1677 at John Brigs senior his house

uoated Samuell Wilbore Chosen moderator for this day

uoated that the two late Assemblys acts Should be Read which was acordingly don

Arthor Cook Giles Slocum Junior and Joshewa Rallings Stands propounded to be free men in this Towne

uoated This meeting is desolved

[**169**] At a meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth held at John Brigses house the 23th of Aprill : 1678 :

voated Samuell Wilbore Chosen moderator for this day

voated John Sanford, Hugh parsons, William Cory, William Wilbore — Chosen deputies for the assemblies next

John Heath, John Brigs Junr, John Strainge — Chosen Gran Jury men for the next court of Tryalls

George Brownell, Anthony Shaw, Samson Shearman — Chosen to bee of the jury for the court of Tryalls

voated That John Sanford Shall have 35 Shillings for writing of Copies of the assemblies acts in May and october last paid to him out of the Tresurie assoone as the Town make The Tresurer able to pay it

voated that Job Hawkins Shall have liberty to plant on the Island Caled Gould Island Two or three years or longer if the Town see Cause that is to say for his owne vse but not to lett it to any other person

voated That Stephen Brayton is admitted a freeman of this Town

voated that Arthur Cooke and Giles Slocum Junr are admitted freeman of this Towne

voated Thomas Brigs is admited a free man of This Towne

voated Latham Clarke Peleg Tripp and Daniell Lawton are Impowered to forewarne Newport people that they Shall not cutt nor Carye any wood or Timber that is all Ready Cutt out of our Commons and if Either of our men aforesaid Shall See any of Newport people Cutinge or a Cariing A way any of our wood or Timber aforesaid they have power hereby to take it away

voated This meeting is desolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth on their Election day held at the house of John Briggs Senr: the 3^{d} of the 4th month 1678

Samuell Wilbur Chosen moderator of this meeting
John Anthony Chosen Towne Clerke and Engaged

William Cadman
Robert Hassard
Latham Clarke
William Wodell
Peleg Tripp
Jacob mott
} all Chosen to be of the Town Councell and all Engaged Excepting $\bar{o}$ly Robert Hassard

William Wodell Chosen Town Treasurer Engaged
Thomas Havens Chosen Town Serjant Engaged

[170] Thomas Eaton
Abraham Anthony
John Coggeshall
} are Chosen Counstabls and Engaged

William Allin of prudence Chosen Counstable

William Wodell
Willam Cadman
} Chossen overseers of the poore, and allso to take Care that Straingers be not Entertained in this Town but according to order

John Tripp Senr
John Sanford
John Anthony
Robert Hodgson
} Chossen Surveyers of Catle

voated Abiell Tripp is admitted A freeman of This Town

voated This meeting is desolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 5th day of the 6th month 1678: at the house of John Brigs Senr

John Albro Senr Chosen moderator for this day
A Copie of the Court orders last past Read in this meeting
James Samson Standeth propounded to bee a freeman is this Town

voated This meeting is desolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth at the house of John Brigs Senr the 11th day of the 8 moneth 1678

John Albro Chosen moderatar for this day

William Wodell
Robert Hodgson
ffrancis Brayton sen^{r}
Lathum Clarke
} are Chosen deputies for the next gen^{rl} assembly

Gedion ffreeborne
matthew Borden
} are chosen grand Jury men for the next Court of Tryals

John Borden
Benjamin Shearman
} are chosen to bee of the Jury for the next Court of Tryals

uoated This meeting is desolved

At a meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth

December the 31th 1678 being by vertue of a warrant from authority warned to meet to here the Acts and orders of the court of Generall assembly held in october last, Read, and also to make a Rate of Sixty Eight pounds which by the Said court was ordered for this Towne of Portsmouth to pay as their part and Share of A colony Rate of three hundred pounds &c

John Albro chosen moderator

Philip Shearman, John Albro, William Cadman, Latham Clarke, William Earl Joseph Tripp, and John Coggeshall, are chosen they or the major part of them to make the Said Rate of Sixty Eight pounds on all the Rateable Estate in this Township according to the best of their Judgments and to deliver the Said Rate being made within one moneth next after the date of this meeting unto the majestrate in this Towne for him to take Care of and to give forth his warrant to the Towne Serjeant for the warning of all persons Concerned to pay their parts Rated according to Court order

voated John Albro, William Cadman, Peleg Tripp, and William Wodell, are chosen [**171**] A Committee to meet with foure of Newport men who according to the aforesaid court order are to meet upon or before the 13th day of January next after the date of this meeting at the hous of George Lawton in this Towne to adjudge and auditt all accounts depending betwixt Newport and Portsmouth Relating and only growing by Reason of the late Indian wars

voated William Wodell, and Peleg Tripp, are aded to the Committee Robert Hodgson and William Cadman for to dispose of Indians for this Towns use according to the Genrl assemblys order.

voated This meeting is desoved

Att A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth held at the house of John Brigs senr the first of the 3d moneth Called may: 1679:

John Albro Chosen moderator

George Lawton
William Correy
ffrancis Brayton
William Cadman
are Chosen deputyes for the next Gen^{r} assembly

Thomas ffish
Adam mott
Daniel Lawton
are Chosen to be on the Grand jury the next Court of Tryals

Lott Strainge
Isaac Lawton
Benjamin Hall
are Chosen to be on the petty jury the next Court of tryals

This meeting is desolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth on their Election day held at the house of John Brigs Senr the: 2^{d}: day of the 4th: moneth: 1679:

John Albro Chosen moderator
John Anthony Chosen Town Clerke and Engaged

William Cadman
Lathum Clarke
William Wodell
Peleg Tripp
John Borden
George Brounell
are all Chosen to be on the Towne Councell and all Engaged Excepting Lathum Clarke and George Brounell

William Wodell Chosen Towne Treasurer and Engaged
Thomas manchester Chosen Towne Serjeant and Engaged

Joseph Anthony
Gideon ffreeborne
Thomas Eaton
Thomas Waite
are all chosen Counstables and all Engaged Excepting Thomas Waite

[172] William Allin of Prudance Chosen Counstable

William Wodell
William Cadman } are Chosen overseers of the poore and also to take Care that Straingers be not Entertained in the Towne but according to order

voted John Anthony
John Borden
Abiel Tripp
Joseph Anthony
Thomas Buts
and William Hall } are all Chosen Surveyers of Cattel and noe boat man Shall veiw any Cattel Sheep or Swine which is Caryed of in his boat Except a nother vewer helps to vew them Which is not A boat man

James House Standeth propounded to be a freeman in this Towne

voated that John Anthony Shall have forty Shillings in monney or pay according to money for his Service done in being Towne Clerke the Last two years and it Shall be paid by the Towne Treasurer

voated This meeting is desolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of John Brigs the 23th of the 4th month: 1679:

voated John Albro Chosen moderator.

and acts of the Generall assemblies in may Last Read

voated that Thomas Jenings Shall have Six pounds of wool paid him by the Treasurer which is for warning of A Town meeting in october 1674.

voated it is granted to ffrancis Brayton to have A License to Keep an ordinary or victualling house for one year in the place where he now dweleth he first giveing bond according to Law for the Keeping of good orders, and do also pay for his License ten Shillings money into the Treasury

voted it is granted to William Correy to have A License to Keep an ordinary or victualling house for one year in the place where he now dweleth, he first giveing bond according to Law for the

Keeping of good orders, and do also pay for his License tenn Shillings money into the Treasury.

[173] voted it is granted to John Borden, Thomas Durfee, and the Widow mary Tripp, to have Each of them A License for one year to Sell victuals and drink to Travelers and to afford them Entertainment as may bee needfull and Convenient they first giveing bond according to Law for the Keeping of good orders and do also pay into the Treasury ten Shillings for Each License

voted it is ordered that none of the five persons shall be allowed to Sell that Sort of drink commonly Called Rum at any higher price then after the Rate of two pence the gill

voted that the Town Clerke with the Treasurer William Wodell are Impowered to draw up the Licenses and deliver them to the persons Concerned they first giveing bond as abovesaid, and paying into the Treasury the money due as afore appointed

voted that there Shall be A Rate of Thirty five pounds according to wool twelve pence the pound made on the Rateable Estate of the Inhabitants in this Town.

voted Phillip Shearman, William Correy, Gideon ffreeborn, Caleb Arnold, John Brigs, and William Wodell, are Chosen they or the major part of them to make the Said Rate within ten daies of this meeting, and haveing made it Shall take Care forthwith to deliver it or cause to be delivered unto the Town Sarjeant who by vertue of this order is also forthwith to give notice to all persons Concerned of what they are Rated and to warn them to pay into the Treasuery within ten days next after the makeing of the Said Rate what they are Rated.

voted This meeting is desolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth At the house of John Brigs sen^{r} the 15th day of the 8th moneth 1679

voted William Cadman Chosen moderator

Lathum Clarke
William Wodell
Pelleg Tripp
John Borden
are Chosen deputies for the next Generall assembly

Robert Hodgson
matthew Borden
Hugh Parsons
are Chosen to be on the Grand Jury the next Court of tryal[ ]

Joseph Tripp
John manchester
Joshua Coggeshall Junr
are Chosen to be on the petty Jury the next Court of Tryall

uoted This meeting is desolued

[174] At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth At the house of william Corry the 14th day of the 12th moneth 1679:

John Albro Chosen moderator

George Lawton
William Cadman
William Wodell
Peleg Tripp
are Chosen deputies for the next Gen^{rl} assembly

This meeting is desoved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitant of the Towne of Portsmouth at the house of William Corry the 19th day of the 2^{d} moneth 1680

voated John Albro chosen moderator

George Lawton
William Wodell
William Cory
and John Borden
are chosen deputies for the next Gen^{r}l assemblys

Robert Dennis
Joshua Coggeshall
and Daniel Lawton } are chosen to serve on the Grand Inquest

Giles Slocum Junr
Thomas Cornel and
Henry Brightman } are Chosen to serve on the jury of tryals

John Corry is admited a freeman in this Towne

George manchester is admited a freeman in this Towne

voated Where as the Gen^rl assembly Sitting in march last hath Represented to this Towne as to others in this Colony the Searious consideration of Some way for the Raising of moneys for sending an Agent for England and also ordering from Each Towne and place in this Colony a Returne unto the Gen^rl Assembly in may next

In answer to the order and desire of the said assembly in march last Wee of the Towne of Portsmouth on Road Island at our meeting held the 19th day of aprill: 1680: doe by our Towne deputies make this Returne unto the Gen^rl assembly to be Sitting in Newport in may next that this Towne are Willing and doe hope shall be able to pay and contribute according to their Just propotion with the Rest of their neighbours in this Colony to the value of three hundred pounds in or as money in A publick Assesment on the whole for the Supply of an Agent for England if the Gen^rl assembly see Cause for the publick good and weale of this Colony to Send and imploy one

provided that Each Towne and place in this colony be justly accrding to true propotion assesed with us, and that all former assesments and publick Rates by this colonys assemblys on Each Towne and place may be duely inspected and those whoe are backward or Refrectory in paying what hath been assesed on them may be Efectually gathered and Emproved for the use it was assesed or Such other use as the Assembly of this Colony Shall order for the good of the publick

And it is ordered that the Towne Clerke doe Transcribe this act and Signe the Same on the behalfe of this Towne and deliver the Same unto all or any one of the deputies by this Towne chosen for the aforesaid Gen^rl Assembly in may next

voated that Thomas Hix Surrendering and leaving his Eight acres of land which was granted to william England unto this Towns Common for which and in lue thereof after a Straight line Run on the South East side of that land which he the Said Thomas Hix bought of John Coggeshall from the Southermost Corner unto the flag pond where the fence now stands then he the Said Thomas Hix is to have Eight acres laid out there the whole length not takeing any more of the flag pond

voated This meeting is desolved

[**175**] At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth on their Election day at the house of William Corry the 7th of the 4th moneth: 1680:

John Albro chosen moderator
John Anthony Chosen Towne clerke and Ingaged

William Cadman
Lathum Clarke
William Wodell
Peleg Tripp
William Corry
John Borden
} are all chosen to be on the Towne Councell and Ingaged

William Wodell Chosen Towne Treasurer and Ingaged
Thomas manchester Chosen Towne Serjeant and Ingaged

Robert Hodgson — Ingaged
John Keese
Benjamin Shearman
} are Chosen Counstables
Joseph Anthony — Ingaged

William Allin of Prudence Chosen Counstable

William Wodell
Joshua Coggeshall
William Cadman
are Chosen overseers of the poore, and also to take Care that Strangers be not Entertained in this Towne but according to order

voated John Anthony
John Borden
Abiel Tripp
Joseph Anthony
Thomas Buts
and William Hall
are all chosen Surveyers of Cattle and noe boat man Shall veiw any Cattle Sheep or Swine which is Carried of in his boat Except a nother veiwer helps to veiw them which is not a boat man, and if any Boat man doe Transport or carry from of this Island within the liberties of this Township any Sort of Catle Sheep or Swine without being veiwed according to order he or they so doeing Shall forfit and pay the just Sum of twenty Shillings to this Towne for Every Such default

A bill of 24 Shillings being presented to this Towne by mary Tripp Widow voated it is owned and ordered to be paid by the Towne Treasurer

voated Richard Knight a weaver is permitted to sojurne in this Towne upon his good behavour untill the last day of october next Ensueing the date here of and then the Towne Councell hath power to move him or continue him untill the next Towns meeting as they see Cause

voated that no Indian Shall have liberty to cut any wood upon this Towns Commons on the first day of the weeke nor in the night time in Case they so doe it is Lawfull for Any free man in this Towne to take it for his owne vse

voated John Anthony Shall have twenty shillings in or as money for his last years Service done in being Towne Clerke and it shall be paid by the Towne Treasurer

voted whereas the way formerly appointed for paying the Town Sarjeant his wages for his service to the Town in that his Said office doth not prove So Satisfactory as desired; for that it

faileth in divers perticulars It is Therefore agreed and ordered that the Town Sargeant Shall have the Sum of three pounds in money or money pay paid him by the Town Treasurer for his Labour and service for this year now Ensuing in warning Town meetings Town Councels and all, Such other Services which he as Town Sargeant ought to do for the Town he performing Said Services

voted This meeting is desolved

[**176**] At a meeting of the free Inhabitnts of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William Cory the 30th of the 6th moneth 1680:

voted John Albro Chosen moderator

voted William Cadman, Latham Clarke, Peleg Tripp and John Brigs senr — are Chosen deputies for the nex Genrl assembly

voted Gideon ffreeborne and William Wilbore — are Chosen to Serve on the Grand Inquest

voted Isaac Lawton, Thomas Waite and John Albro Junr — are chosen to Serve on the next Jury of Tryall

voted that Joseph Anthony Surrendering and leaving out a quarter of an Acre of his land lying on the Southwesttermost End of the Rockey hill which is nere his house unto this Towns Commons: for which and in lue thereof he Shall have a quarter of an Acre laid out unto him adjoyning unto his land on the northEasttermost End of the Said Rockey hill nere pocassit River and the Said land is to be laid out by the men who are Chosen by this Town to Straighten lines between man and man or by the major part of them

voted this meeting is desolved

At a meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of John Brigs the 12th of the 9th moneth 1680:

voted George Lawton Chosen moderator

voted Robert Hodgson, Caleb Arnold, George Brownell, Benjamin Shearman, Daniel Lawton, John Cooke, and William Wilbore are chosen, they or the major part of them to make A Rate of twenty-two pounds according to money on the Rateable Estate of the Inhabitants in this Town which is assesed on this Town by order of the Genrl Assembly in may last past and the Said Rate is to be made within :6: days after the date of this meeting and forthwith to be delivered to the Town Clerke who Shall forthwith Transescribe the Same and Returne the original with the Copy to any one of the assistants in this Town to be further dissposed of as Law Requiereth

voted John Brigs is appointed to Spake to Thomas fish that he lay out that acre of land to this Towns Commons which was lent to Henry Eves

voted William Wodell Chosen to sel and dispose of the house and fenceing which is on the land lent to Thomas Brooks

voted John Albro and John Sanford are Chosen to meet with the Rest of the Auditters to Auditt John Clarks account

voted This meeting is dissolved

[177] At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth held at the house of William Corry the 27th of the 10th moneth 1680

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

voted major John Albro, William Wodell, Caleb Arnold, Robert Dennis, Robert Hodgson, and George Brownell, are Chosen a Comittee, they or the major part of them and are hereby betrusted and

fully Impowered in the name and in the behalf of this Town: to Let, Set, or Lease out unto any person, or persons, for any term of years not Exceeding Seven, the Island Called Hog Island belonging to this Town or Such part thereof as is not yet by this Said Town already disposed off: and to Let, Set, or Lease out the Same, or Such part thereof, and for Such Rent and on Such tearms as they the Said Committee, or the Said major part of them Shall agree on: All waies provided that there Shall be Reserved unto the free Inhabitants of this Town their wonted Liberty of takeing timber and fire wood from off the most part of Said Island

And in Case the Said Committee or major part of them Can not to their Satisfaction find how or to whome to Lease out the Same

Then in that Case they are hereby desired and Impowered to use their best Indeavour by possession or otherwise to maintain This Towns Right and Interrest therein untill the Town Shall further order

voted this meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth held at the house of William Cory the 21th of the 11th moneth 1680: voted major John Albro chosen moderator

voted it is agreed that Hog Island May be Leased out as was ordered the last Towns meeting

voted John Sanford, John Brigs, and francis Brayton, are chosen and aded to the six men which by this Town at their meeting held the 27th of December last were chosen A committee concerning hog Island: and the Said nine men are hereby betrusted and fully Impowered, they or the major part of them to act and do in the name, and in the behalf of this Town concerning hog Island; according to that which by the Town at their said meeting was ordered to be done by the said Six men or major part of them

voted where as at a meeting of this Town the 12th of november last there were Cartain men chosen to make a Rate of two and twenty pounds, as was ordered by the Generall Assembly in may last and the persons appointed to make the said Rate, not haveing yet done any thing in the case, alledging the wants of Rule to act by; and the time then limited for to have made the said Rate being past; this meeting do now again appoint the Same men to make the Said Rate and to finish it within ten days next after this meeting: and for Rule in that Case it is ordered that all Lands Rateable in this Town Shall be valued as worth forty shillings the acre, and all horse Kind and Cattell which are above a year old, at forty shillings a piece and all swine above a year old, at six shillings apiece and sheep and lambs after the Rate of four pounds the score, and for all other Estate Rateable it is Left to the Rate makers to do according to their discretion in the valueing thereof. And it is further ordered that all persons concerned, on notice to them given by the Town serjeant Shall give in unto the Ratemakers or unto one or more of them: the number of the acres of their Lands and the numbe[ ] of their horses and mares and cattel of all sorts as above mentioned; and if any do willfully neglect or Refuse they are to forfeit twenty shillings unto the Town Treasury and the Ratemakers in that Case are to value the Estate of Such neglecting persons according to their discretions

voted this meeting is dissolved

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[178] At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William Corry the 14th of the first moneth: 1681.

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

Lathum Clark
William Wodell
Peleg Tripp
and Arther Cook } are Chosen deputies for the next Gen rl assemblys

Joseph Nicolson
and Hugh Parsons } are Chosen to serve on the Grand Inquest

John Coggeshall
Samson Shearman
and Richard Pearce } are Chosen to serve on on the next Jury of Tryalls

voted Whereas at this meeting it hath been Represented the want of Some Survaiors on the Island Prudance in this Township to take a true and Exact view of all Cattell that shall be Transeported from off the Said Island which by Reason of distance from the late Chosen Survayers in this Town may be Neglected, and that the Said wholesom order of Survaying or veiwing all sorts of Cattell Transported from this Town or any part thereof may be duely observed & maintained that Soe farr as may be damage may not acrue to the Inhabitants
It is ordered that for and untill the next Election of officers in this Town of Portsmouth mr William Allin and John pearce Both Inhabiting on Said Prudence Shall and have power as survayors to veiw and take a true account of all Cattell of what Sort Soever that Shall be from the Said prudance Island Transported alwaies provided they the Said Allin and pearce Shall be together in and at the view and Survey of all Cattell Transported

voted This meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth At the house of William Cory the 6th of the 4th moneth 1681.

voted major John Albro chosen moderator
John Anthony chosen Town Clerke Ingaged

William Cadman	Ingaged	are chosen to be on the Town Councell
William Wodell	Ingaged	
Latham Clarke	Ingaged	
John Sanford	Ingaged	
Peleg Tripp		
and John Borden	Ingaged	

William Wodell Chosen Town Treasurer Ingaged
Thomas manchester Chosen Town serjeant Ingaged

William Wodell	Ingaged	are chosen Constables
matthew Borden	Ingaged	
Joseph Tripp		
and Joseph Anthony	Ingaged	

william Wodell Joshua Coggeshall and William Cadman	are cohosen ouerseers of the poore and also to take care that Strangers be not Entertained in this Town but according to order

John Sanford, John Anthony, John Kees, and Robert Lawton	are chosen survaiers of Cattell

[179]	Major John Albro John Sanford William Cadman and caleb Arnold	are Chosen they or the major part of them to Auditt the Town Treasurers accounts and make Returne thereof to the next Towns meeting

voted There being by this Town a committee former chosen and Impowered concerning Hog Island, to Lett, Sett, or Lease out the Same, or such part there of &c as by their acts bearing date December the 27th 1680. and January the 21th 1680/81 may appear in which said acts or orders it not being so Clearly and fully Expressed as it might have been, when the time of Such Lease as by the Said Committee or major part of them made in the behalf of the Town Shall begin to take Effect, as to be the begining of the term Leased for: Now for Explaination of the mind and Intent of the Town in that Respect it is hereby agreed and ordered that if the Said Com-

mittee or said major part of them Shall for certain years or time according to Said former order or orders Lease out unto any person or persons, the said Hog Island, or such part thereof as in said orders or in any of them is Expressed, that then the term of years or other time for which the Said Lease Shall be made; shall be accounted to begin the Twenty fifth day of march Last past before this meeting

voted This meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William Corry the 9th of the fifth moneth 1681:

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

voted William Coggeshall Chosen Constable Ingaged

voted It is agreed and ordered that a Rate of Twenty pounds according to money Shall be Levied and assessed on the Estates of the freemen and Inhabitants &c in and belonging unto this Township

voted that major John Albro, John Sanford, John Coggeshall, Peleg Tripp and William Wodell, are chosen and Impowered, they, or the major part of them to make the Said Rate, and to proportion it according to their discretion on the Estate in this Township as abovesaid, and that the Said Rate Shall within two-and Twenty daies next after this meeting be made and signed by the Said five men, or major part of them.

voted Thomas manchester Town Serjeant Shall have Twenty Shillings according to money payd him for more then ordinary Service done by him last year

voted John Anthony Shall have Thirty Shillings in or as money for his last years service done in being Town Clerk paid him by the Town Treasurer

voted This meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William Cory the 29th of the 6th moneth 1681.

voted George Lawton chosen moderator

voted John Sanford
Caleb Arnold
Arthur Cooke
and Gideon ffreeborne
are Chosen deputies for the next Generall assembly Siting at provid[ ]

voted William Cory
and ffrancis Brayton sen^{r}
are chosen to serve on the nex Grand Inquest [180]

voted Thomas Eaton
John manchester
and Thomas manchester Junr
are Chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals

voted for as much as here is great nessessity for Another Constable to be Chosen in this Town matthew Grinell is chosen Constable and Ingaged

voted This Town haveing at their meeting held the 6th of June Last, appointed A Committee to Audit the accounts of their Treasurer William Wodell and make Return thereof to the Town, which they having now done, and the Said accounts being in this meeting Read and accepted are ordered to be Kept in the Town Clerks office amongst the Records and writings there belonging to the Town.

voted William Allin and John Pearce Chosen surveyers for Prudence untill the next Election of Town officers in this Towne according as they wear at a meeting the 14th of the first moneth 1681.

voted this meeting is dissolved.

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of the widow mary Cory the 6th of the first moneth 1682

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

voted William Cadman
Latham Clarke
Henry Brightman
William Wodell
are Chosen deputies for the next Gen^{rl} assemblyes

Gideon ffreeborne } are Chosen to serve on the next Grand
Jacob mott } Inquest

Benjamin Shearman
John Albro Junr } are chosen to serve on the next
John Cooke Capt Cooks Son } Jury of Tryals

voted that the overseers of the poore in this Town are hereby ordered and Impowered to take Care for the maintainance of Job Hawkins according to their discression and the charge to be boren by the Town

voted this meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the free-Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of the widow mary Cory on their Election day the 5th of the 4th moneth 1682

voted William Cadman Chosen moderator
voted John Anthony Chosen Towne Clerke Ingaged

voted major John Albro } Ingaged
William Wodell } Ingaged
Latham Clarke } Ingaged are Chosen to be on the Town
John Sanford } Ingaged Councell
John Borden } Ingaged
John Anthony } Ingaged

voted Willliam Wodell Chosen Town Treasurer Ingaged
voted Thomas Jenings Chosen Town Serjeant Ingaged

voted Samson Shearman } Ingaged
John Albro Junr } are chosen Constables
Daniel Lawton
Joseph Anthony } Ingaged

voted William Allin of Prudence Chosen Constable

[181] voted Joshua Coggeshall, William Wodell and William Cadman are Chosen overseers of the poore and to take Care that Strangers be not Entertained in this Town but according to order

voted John Sanford, John Anthony, John Keese and Robert Lawton are Chosen Survayers of Cattel

voted whereas there hath of Late been a Small difference between this Town and David Lake about fifty Shillings money pay which he in the year 1676 Received for Indians the Town accounting that of Right it Should have been by him Returned to them. and which by their Treasurer in the name and in the behalf of the Town of him was Demanded; but he accounting it his own Refused to make Return thereof yet now being present at this meeting, and for Issue of the difference offering that he having now in the hand of William Wodell the Sum of five and twenty Shillings and nine pence Like pay, the Town shall have that if they will accept of it in Lieu and in full of their Said Demand to which Said offer of his the Town do yield accepting of the said one pound five Shillings and nine pence in full of their Said demand to Say of the Said fifty Shillings hereby acquitting the said David in all Respects from further trouble or Charge Concerning the Same.

voted Thomas manchester Shall have three pounds and ten Shillings in or as money for his last years Service done in being Town Serjeant paid him by the Town Treasurer

voted John Sanford, John Anthony, John Keese and Robert Lawto are chosen Survaiers of Cattell

voted John Anthony Shall have twenty Shillings in or as money

fo his Last years Service done in being Town Clerke paid him by the Town Treasurer

voted this meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of the widow mary Cory the 28th of the 6th moneth 1682

voted William Cadman Chosen moderator

voted Gideon ffreeborne
Caleb Arnold
Joseph Nicolson
and Robert Hodgson
are Chosen deputies for the next Genrl assembly

voted mathew Borden
and Adam mott
are Chosen to serve on the next Grand Inquest

Robert Brownell
Thomas Waite
and Giles Slocum Junr
are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals

voted matthew Grinell Chosen Constable and Ingaged
voted This meeting is dissolved

[182] At a meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of the Widow mary Cory the 19th of the 12th moneth 1682

voted William Cadman Chosen moderator

voted the deputies This day chosen Shall Serve at both the next Courts

voted William Wodell
major John Albro
Latham Clarke and
Thomas Cornell
are Chosen deputies for the next Genrl Assemblies

uoted ffrancis Brayton Senr and William Wilbur Senr are chosen to serve on the next Grand Inquest

John Coggeshall, Jacob mott and Peleg Shearman are chosen to serve on the next jury of Tryals

voted whereas William Ricketson hath petitioned this meeting for liberty to Erect and Set up a water mill for publick use, between the place where John Tylers mill Stood or near there unto between that and Gideon ffreeborns Land: And to that End to have Liberty to make a damm or dams and also to make such trench, or trenches as may be suitable in that Respect and also to grant him one acre of Land near there unto for his accomodation So long as he Shall Keepe and maintaine or Cause to be Kept and maintained a mill there This Town doe so farr Condescend to his Request that they are willing he Shall be accomodated if Conveniently it may be, And doe Referr the matter to the Judgment and determination of A Committee by this meeting to be chosen to view the place and seariously Consider the matter and the Town doe Empower the Said Committee or major part of them to act in the premises, and doe allow of Ratefy and Confirm what the Said Committee or major part of them Shall see Cause to doe there in to be as Authentick as if done by the whole Town

voted major John Albro, John Sanford, William Wodell, Caleb Arnold, George Brownell, John Tiler, and Benjamin Hall, are Chosen to be the Said Committee and are Impowered they or the major part of them to act as abovesaid and are desired to finnish if Conveniently they Can the abovesaid business by the Last of this moneth

voted William Earl hath liberty to build a wharf four Rod northwardly of from Abiel Tripps wharff

voted John Borden hath liberty to finnish his wharff

voted Abiel Tripp hath liberty to finnish his wharff

voted Joseph Anthony hath liberty to build a wharff Against the house which he now dwelleth in

voted that if any swine be found on this Towns Common which are above a quarter of a year old between the midle of march next and the Midel of June next after the owner hath Suffitient warning and doth not Take Some Spedy Cours with them any free [183] man hath libertie to Kill them Swine, Phillip Commig standeth propounded to be made a freeman in this towne

voted this meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of the Widow mary Cory on their Election day the 4th of the 4th moneth 1683 voted major John Albro chosen moderator

voted John Anthony chosen Town Clerke Engaged

uoted John Sanford	Engaged
Latham Clarke	Engaged
William Wodell who	Refusing in his Room was chosen Robert Hodgson and Engaged
	Chosen to be on the Town Concill
Peleg Tripp	Engaged
John Borden	Engaged
and John Anthony	Engaged

Caleb Arnold Chosen Town Treasurer who Refuseing in his Roome was Chosen John Anthony and Engaged

Thomas manchester Senr chosen Town Serjeant and Engaged

Jacob mott Senr	
matthew Borden	Engaged
	chosen Counstables
John Keese	Engaged
and Gideon ffreeborne	Engaged

William Allin of Prudance Chosen Constable

Joshua Coggeshall William Wodell and William Cadman	are chosen overseers of the poor and to take care that Strangers be not Entertained in this Town but according to order
John Sanford John Anthony John Keese Robert Lawton and Robert Hodgson	are Chosen Survayers of Cattel

voted Thomas Jenings for his last years Service in being Town Serjeant Shall have three pounds ten Shillings in or as money paid to him by the Town Treasurer

voted John Anthony for his last years Service in being Town Clerke Shall have Twenty Shillings in or as money paid unto him by the Town Treasurer

voted major John Albro, John Sanford, and Caleb Arnold are Chosen they or the major part of them to Audit the accounts of William Wodell the Late Town Treasurer and make Return thereof to the next Town meeting

voted Philip Shearman, John Sanford, Latham Clarke, ffrancis Brayton Senr, and John Brigs Senr, are Chosen and Impowred by the Town they or the major part of them to Lay out the high way two Rod wide begining at the Sea Side on the norwest Side of this Island at the head of William ffreeborns Lot and So to Run that bredth to the Common at the head of the Land Layd out to Ralph Earl deceased and to be accomplished as speedily as Conveniently may be

highway

voted this meeting is dissolved

[184] At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 14th of the 6th moneth 1683 at the house of the Widow mary Cory

uoted major John Albro Chosen moderator

William Wodel Caleb Arnold Arthur Cooke Latham Clarke	Chosen deputies for the next Gen^{r}l assembly at warwick
John Sanford Henry Brightman Peleg Tripp and John Coggeshall	Chosen deputies for the next Gen^{r}l assembly at Providence
Robert Hodgson and Hugh Parsons	Chosen to serve on the next Grand Inquest at newport
Joshua Coggeshall William Wilbur Junr and Thomas Eaton	Chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport

voted Robert Lawton Thomas Hassard Joseph Sheffeild and William Cory are all Taken in freemen of this Town
Job Almy Standeth propounded to be a freeman in this Town
voted This meeting taking into Consideration the many services the Town Council have these severall years done for which they yet have had nothing Allowed in Compensation thereof wherefore it is hereby agreed and ordered that that money which is now already Come into the Treasury for Licences this present year Granted to ordinary-Keepers Shall be Equally divided Amongst them that are of the present Councill if they will accept thereof
voted this meeting is Dissolved

At a meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 4th of the 11th moneth 1683 at the house of the Widow mary Cory

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

voted Richard Cadman Jacob mott Junr and William Brouning are all Taken in freemen of this Town
voted Stephen manchester is taken in a freeman in this Town
voted it is agreed and ordered that a Rate of Thirty pounds in or as money Shall be Levied and assessed on the Estates of the freemen and Inhabitants &c belonging unto this Township
voted William Wodell, Latham Clarke, Robert Hodgson, John Coggeshall and Thomas Wait, are Chosen and Impowered, they or the major part of them to make the Said Rate and to proportion it according to their discretion on the Estate in this Township as abovesaid and that the Said Rate is within one moneth next after this meeting to be made and Signed by the Said five men, or major part of them
voted that the abovesaid Rate is to be paid into the Town Treasury on or before the Last of June next
William Ricketson and Daniell Eaton Standeth propounded to be made freemen in this Town
voted this meeting is Adjourned untill the 18th day of this instant January and then to meet again at the house of the Widow mary Cory

the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth met according to Ajournment at the house
[185] of the widow mary Cory the 18th of the 11th moneth 1683:

voted it is Agreed and ordered that there shall be a book bought for the use of this Town to Record marriages births and Deceases in and the said book to be paid for by the Town Treasurer and that the Town Clerke Shall have six pence Apiece paid him for Recording Each marriage and three pence apiece paid him for Recording Each birth and Deceas in this Town
voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 10th of the first moneth 1684 at the house of the Widow mary Cory

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator
voted the deputies this day Chosen Shall Serve at both the next Gen'l assemblies

William Wodell ffrancis Brayton Caleb Arnold and Robert Dennis	are chosen deputies to attend the next Gen[l] assemblies
William Wilbur and John Borden	are chosen to serve on the next Grand Inquest at newport
Samuell Shearman Abiel Tripp and Anthony Shaw	are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport

voted that whereas in the year 1668 there was by this Town two acres of Land on the windmill hill Exchanged with William Earl and William Cory for two acres of Land in two other places; and the Said William Earl and mary Cory being the present owners of the Said two acres on the windmill hill and having now for their more Conveniencie desired of this Town a Reexchanging of the Said Lands that So the Said William Earl may have again that acre which was by the Said Exchange Laid out to the Town at the upper End or Corner of his Land, and mary Cory have the other acre which the Town had in Said Exchange; and that the Said two acres of Land on the windmill hill may be Returned to the Town again: This meeting being willing to grant the Reasonable Request and desires of the Said William Earl and mary Cory Concerning the premises and to the End it may be Efected William Wodell, and John Borden, both of this Town are desired appointed and fully Impowered in the name and in the behalf of this Town with the Said William Earl and mary Cory to make and perfectly to Execute the Exchange of the Said Lands in Such way and manner and by such writing or writings as to them Shall seem needfull in the Case;
voted that if any Swine be seen a Killing of a lamb or Lambs

on this Towns Commons at any time hereafter; after the owner of Said swine hath Sufficient warning and doth not Take some Spedy and Efectual Cours with them to prevent the Same; any ffreeman hath Liberty to Kill them swine

voted that if any Dog or Dogs bitch or bitches be found Rambling from home without his master or Some of his masters ffamily with her him or them; any freeman hath Libertie to Kill Such Dogs or bitches

voted this meeting is Dissolved

[186] At a meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth on their Election day the 2d of the 4th moneth 1684 at the house of the widow mary Cory

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

voted John Anthony Chosen Town Clerke Engaged

voted William Wodell Engaged
John Sanford Engaged
Latham Clarke Engaged
are chosen to be on the Town Councill
Robert Hodgson Engaged
John Anthony Engaged
and Peleg Tripp Engaged

voted John Anthony Chosen Town Treasurer Engaged

voted Thomas manchester Senr chosen Town Serjeant and Engaged

voted matthew Borden Engaged
George Brownell who Refusing in his Roome was chosen William coggeshall Engaged
Jacob mott are Chosen Constables
and Joseph Anthony Engaged

voted Thomas Brigs of Prudence chosen constable and Engaged

voted John Anthony, Peleg Tripp and John Borden are chosen overseers of the poore in this Town

voted John Sanford, John Anthony, John Keese, Robert Lawton and Robert Hodgson are chosen surveyers of Cattle

voted William Allin and Thomas Brigs are chosen Surveyers of Cattle at Prudence Island

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 15th of the 6th moneth: 1684: at the house of the Widow mary Cory

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

Daniel Lawton, Gideon ffreeborne, George Sisson and Peleg Tripp are Chosen Deputies for the next Genrl assembly at Warwick

Peleg Shearman and John Borden are chosen to serve on the next Grand Inquest at newport

Abraham Anthony, Isaac Lawton and John Keese are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport

voted Thomas manchester for his Last years Service in being Town Serjeant Shall have three pounds ten Shillings in or as money paid to him by the Town Treasurer

voted John Anthony for his Last years Service in being Town Clerke Shall have Twenty Shillings in or as money paid to him by the Town Treasurer

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of the Widow mary Cory the 12th of the 10th month 1684

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

voted William Wodell, Peleg Tripp, Robert Hodgson, John Coggeshall, and Benjamin Shearman, are Chosen and Jmpowered they or the major part of them to make a Rate of Twenty Six pounds Seventeen Shillings and four pence according to money on the Rateable Estate of the inhabitants in this Township [**187**] which is assessed on this Town by order of the Generall assembly in october Last past and the Said Rate is to be made within 13 dayes after the Date of this meeting and forthwith to be Deliverd to the Town Clerk who Shall forthwith Transcribe the Same and Returne the originall with the copy to any one of the Assistants in this Town to be further Disposed of as Law Requireth

voted that nicolas Bown, and the Widow Hall are Excused, and not to be Rated in this present Rate

voted it being now Signified to this Town that major Peleg Sanford and others having procured something in writing as A confirmation or Enlargement of the Estate or Right of this Jsland with Jntention of good to both Towns on the Jsland and all the freeholders therein, And it being proposed to this Town that they will be pleased to appoint Some men as A Committee in the behalf of this Town to Jnspect the Said writing and to Consult and Advise with the procurers thereof, how the Estate therein and thereby procured may best be Conveyed to the Town in Generall, and to all perticular persons therein according to their Just Rights &c.

This meeting Do Agree to the Said motion and to the End abovesaid major John Albro, Philip Shearman, Peleg Tripp, Jchabod Sheffield, Robert Hodgson, John Sanford, and Latham clarke, are chosen A Committee and Desired in the behalf of

This Town (at Some Convenient time) to give A meeting unto Said major Sanford and the Rest with him Concerned as above-said, with them to Consult and Advise Concerning the premises, and to make Return to the Town at the next Town meeting, of their proceedings therein:
voted This meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 16th of the first month: 1685: at the house of the Widow mary Cory

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

Latham Clarke
Henry Brightman
John Coggeshall
and Joseph nicholson
are chosen deputies for the next Genrl assemblys at newport

Giles Slocum
and William Wilbur
are chosen to serve on the next Grand Jnquest at newport

John Pears mason
John Pears
and John Cory
are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport

voted the Deputies this Day chosen are to serve at the two next Genrl assemblie[ ]

voted major John Albro, Capt John Sanford, mr Latham clarke, and mr John coggeshall they or the major part of them are by this Town of Portsmouth and on Said Towns behalf Chosen and Empowered a comittee, to meet with those Seven Gent~ the Late purchasers of the Remainders and Revertions of Rhode Jsland and if newport Towns-men be pleased to make choise of men to joyn with them; for the Drawing up and mak[ ] firm and Efectuall Deed or Deeds from the Said purchasers for the Confirmatio[ ] of Said purchass, unto all persons it Doth properly

belong unto; And if newport people Shall not see Cause to join in the premises the aforesaid committe[ ] proceed with the purchasers, on behalf of this Town and make Retu[ ] thereof to this Town and the Town to Except or Reject as they Shall see [ ]

[188] voted whereas at A meeting held the 10th of march 1684/3 on the desire of William Earll and Widow mary Cory, for the Re-Exchainging of two acres of Land, which in A meeting held in Aprill 1668. was Exchainged between this Town and William Earll, and the Deceased William Cory, and the Town on the searious Consideration of their motion at the aforesaid meeting the 10th of march Consented to the desires of Said William Earll and mary Cory and appointed persons for the Efecting thereof. And it appearing that since there hath not been anything done therein by those appointed, and the Said partyes Still Desiring the performance thereof And on searious Consideration of the Aforesaid meetings conclusion therein, And preventing future trouble This meeting Do consent and it is ordered that the two acres of Land granted to Said Earll and cory is again accepted to be again properly the Towns And the two acres of Land that was to be by Said Earll and cory in leiw thereof to be Layd down to the Town; is Released and to be and Remain to the true proprietors thereof. without any trouble or mollestation from this Town

voted this meeting is Dissolved:

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth on their Election Day the first of the 4th month: 1685: at the house of the widow mary Cory

voted major John Albro chosen moderator

voted John Anthony chosen Town clerke Engaged

voted William Wodell Engaged
Latham Clarke who Refusing was chosen in his Room John Borden Engaged
Peleg Tripp Engaged
are chosen to be on the Town Councill
Robert Hodgson Engaged
John Anthony Engaged
and John coggeshall Engaged

voted John Anthony Chosen Town Treasurer Engaged
voted Thomas manchester Chosen Town Serjeant Engaged

Samuell Shearman Engaged
John Pearce in the Comfenc
Benjamin Hall Engageed
and Daniell Lawton
are Chosen Counstables

voted Thomas Brigs of Prudence Chosen Counstable Engaged

voted John Anthony
Peleg Tripp
and John Borden
are chosen overseers of the poor

voted John Sanford
John Anthony
John Keese
Robert Lawton
and Robert Hodgson
are Chosen Surveyers of Cattel

voted William Allin
and Thomas Briggs
are Chosen Surveyers of cattel at Prudence Jsland

voted major John Albro, Philip Shearman, John Sanford, Latham Clarke, Robert Hodgson, Giles Slocum, Gideon ffreeborn, and Benjamin Hall, they or the major part of them are by this Town of Portsmouth and on Said Towns behalf Chosen and ffully Empowred A committee, to meet with those Seven Gen:men the Late purchasers of the Remainders and Revertions of Rhode Jsland and if newport [**189**] Townsmen be pleased to make

Chse of men to Joyn with them; for the Drawing up and making firm and Efectuall Deed or Deeds from the Said purchasers for the Confirmation of Said purchase, unto all persons it Doth properly belong unto; And if newport people Shall not see Cause to joyn in the premises the abovesaid Committee or major part of them to proceed with the said purchasers on behalf of this Town fully to Jssue the Same and to make Return thereof to this Town:
voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free Jnhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 14th of the 6th month 1685 at the house of the Widow mary cory

voted major John Albro chosen moderator

voted matthew Borden, John Sanford, Thomas Cornell and Giles Slocum are chosen deputies for the next Gen[l] Assembly at providence

voted Joseph martain and Johua coggeshall are chosen to serve on the next grand Jnquest at newport

voted John Cook son of Cap[t] Cook, William Cory and Stephen Brayton are chosen to serve on the next next Jury of Trials at newport

voted Thomas manchester for his Last years Service in being Town Serjeant Shall have three pounds ten Shillings in or as money paid to him by the Town Treasurer

voted John Anthony for his Last years Service in being Town Clerke Shall have twenty Shillings in or as money paid to him by the Town Treasurer

voted that the Town Councill Shall have one half of the Licence

money this present year and the other half to the Treasurer for the use of the Town

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 30th of the 9th month 1685 at the house of the Widow mary Cory

major John Albro cosen moderator

voted it is agreed and ordered that A Rate of Thirty pounds in or as money Shall be Leavied and Assessed on the Estates of the freeinhabitants &c belonging unto this Township

voted William Wodell, Latham Clark, Robert Hodgson, John Coggeshall and Thomas Brigs of Prudence Jsland, are chosen and Jmpowred they or the major part of them to make the Said Rate and to proportion it according to their discression on the Estate in this Township as Abovesaid and that the Said Rate is within one month next afte[ ] this meeting to be made and signed by the Said five men or major part of them and to be paid into the Town Treasury o[ ] or before the Last of June next

voted Daniel ffish and John ffish are Taken in freemen in this t[ ]

voted Thomas Townsend standeth propounded to be Taken in a free[ ] in this Town

voted this meeting is Dissolved

[**190**] At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 19th of the first month 1686 at the house of the widow mary Cory

voted major John Albro chosen moderator

voted William Wodell, John Coggeshall, Peleg Tripp and Robert Hodgson are chosen Deputies for the next Generall Assemblys at newport

voted Gideon ffreeborne and William Coggeshall } are choses to serve on the next Grand inquest at newport

Daniel Lawton matthew Borden and Thomas Hassard Junr } are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport

voted whereas at a meeting of this Town the 30th of november Last there were certain men chosen to make a Rate of Thirty pounds in or as money and the Said men Appointed to make the Said Rate; not haveing yet doné any Thing in the case; now is chosen and Jmpowred John Sanford, Latham Clarke, Robert Hodgson, John Coggeshall, and Thomas Brigs of Prudence Jsland they or the major part of them to make the Said Rate and to proportion it according to their discression on all the Rateable Estate in this Township and that the Said Rate is within one month next after this meeting to be made and Signed by the Said five men or major part of them and to be paid into the Town Treasury on or before the Last day of June next:

voted Thomas Townsend is admited A freeman in this Town

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A Town meeting of free inhabitants of Portsmouth the ninth Day of the second month (Aprill) 1686 at the house of the Widow mary Cory

voted major John Albro chosen moderator

voted John Anthony Town clerk being Absent by Reason of Lameness William Wodell is appointed as Deputy clerk to supply his place in his Absence this meeting:

voted it is by this meeting Agreed that A Committee of Eleven men Shall be now presently chosen to Consider of, and to Endevour what they Can to find out Some good and Convenient way how And to whom to devide the commons or vndevided Lands in this Township; And to make Return in writing to the Town at their

next meeting or Coming together, of what [**191**] they do in the case, for the Town then Either to accept thereof or other wise as they Shall see Cause.

voted the persons chosen to be of Said Committee are philip Shearman, major John Albro, Peleg Tripp, William Wodell, Jchabod Sheffield, George Brownel, John Sanford, Giles Slocum, Caleb Arnold, George Lawton, and Robert Dennis, who are desired, they or the major part of them to meet together and to take the premises into their serious Considerations, and to do what they can therein, and to Draw up their thoughts thereon, in writing, as to what they Judge most Sutable to be done in the Case, and the Same to present to the Town at their next coming together, in order to farther proceedings as abovesaid

voted William Wodell Junior, Thomas Potter, Stephen Cornell, nathaniel Potter Junior, and Robert ffish are all of them Admitted freemen of this Town.

voted This meeting is Adjourned untill the twentieth Day of this Jnstant month and then to meet together again in this place, at or near, nine a clock in the morning. According to adjournment At the Reemeeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth At the house of the Widow mary cory the 20th of the 2d month 1686:

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth on their Election Day the 7th of the 4th month 1686 at the house of the Widow mary Corey

voted George Lawton chosen moderator

voted John Anthony Chosen Town Clerke Engaged

voted William Wodell — who possitively Refuseing in his Room was chosen John Borden Engaged
Robert Hodgson — Engaged
John Anthony — Engaged
Latham Clarke — who possitively Refuseing in his Room was chosen Gideon ffreeborn Engaged
Peleg Tripp — Engaged
and Jchabod Sheffield — Engaged
are chosen to be on the Town councill

voted John Anthony chosen Town Treasurer Engaged
voted Thomas manchester chosen Town Serjeant Engaged

voted Jacob mott
matthew Borden — who possitively Refuseing in his Room was chosen Benjamin Hall Engaged
William Wodell Junr — Engaged
and Joseph Anthony — are chosen constables

voted Thomas Brigs of Prudenc Jsland chosen constable

voted John Anthony
Peleg Tripp
and John Borden
are chosen overseers of the poor

voted John Sanford
John Anthony
John Keese
Robert Lawton
and Robert Hodgson
are chosen Surveyers of cattell

voted Thomas Brigs and Jeremiah Smith are chosen Surveyers of cattell at Prudence Jsland – – [192]

voted Thomas manchester for his Last years service in being Town Serjeant Shall have 4 pounds in or as money paid to him by the Town Treasurer

voted John Anthony for his Last years service in being Town Clerke

Shall have Twenty Shillings in or as money paid to him by the Town Treasurer

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 20th of the 6th month 1686 at the house of the Widow mary Cory

voted George Lawton chosen moderator

voted Thomas Townsend, Jsaac Lawton, Captain Robert Lawton and Latham Clarke are chosen deputies for the next Genrl assembly at Warwick

voted Joshua Coggeshall and William Wilbur are chosen to serve on the next Grand Jnquest at newport

voted George Sisson, Peleg Shearman and William Burrington are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 14th of the 11th month 1686 7 at the house of the Widow mary Corey

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

voted Latham Clarke and Daniel Lawton are chosen to Serve on the next Grand Jnquest at newport

voted Thomas Townsend, Thomas manchester Junr and Thomas Hassard Junr are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Trials at newport

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 7th of the second month 1687 at the house of the Widow mary coreys

voted major John Albro chosen moderator

voted George Sisson, William corey and John Keese are chosen Counstables

voted George Brownell, Benjamin Shearman, Latham Clarke, John Borden, John Anthony, Thomas Cornell and Peleg Tripp are chosen Select-men

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voted ordered that Every man of this Town give in to the Select men Appointed A List of all there Jnclosed Lands Cattell hors Kind Sheep and Swine all above a year old at or before munday next being the 11th Jnstant by 9 of the clok in the morning at the house of mary corey in order to be Rated according to warrant from the Treasurer and Such that Shall neglect or Refuse to bring in Such List as Abovesaid, it Shall and may be in the power of Said Selectmen to Asses annd Lay such valewation upon them as they or the major part of them Shall see Cause and all former constables to Remaine according to former order till the now chosen are Jngaged
voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free Jnhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 29th of the 5th month 1687 at the house of the Widow mary corey
voted John Coggeshall Justice Chosen moderator

voted John Anthony, Peleg Tripp and John Borden are Jmpowered to Sell that Land which was old Bulg[ ]s and the Jncomes to be for this Towns use

voted Thomas manchester for his Last years Service in being Town Serjeant Shall have Three pounds and ten Shillings in or as money paid to him by the Town Treasurer

voted John Anthony for his Last years Service in being Town Clerke Shall have Twenty Shillings in or as money paid to him by the Town Treasurer

voted Cap[t] Caleb Arnold, Thomas Townsend Shreif, John coggeshall Justice, and John Anthony are chosen to Draw A Letter to Jnforme concerning hog Jsland and Jmploy a man to carey it to his Excelency and speack Concerning the premises for this Towns bennifitt and the Charge to be paid by this Town

voted This meeting is Dissolued

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 12th of the 6th month 1687 at the house of the Widow mary Corey

voted John Coggeshall Justice chosen moderator

voted Peleg Tripp chosen Commissioner

voted Thomas Cornell,
John Anthony
John Borden
Giles Slocum
Jsaac Lawton
Latham Clarke
and Jerimiah Smith
are chosen Select men

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voted John Anthony
John Borden
and George Brounell
are chosen Surveyers of Cattell Sheep and Swine

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree Jnhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 24th of the 7th month 1687 at the house of the Widow mary Corys

voted major John Albro and John Borden are Chosen and Appointed to go to boston and Rightly Jnform his Exelency Concerning the affairs of hog Jsland for which now John Borden is Arrested

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth held the 10th of the 11th month 168$\frac{7}{8}$ at the house of William Corey

voted and it is agreed and ordered that a Rate of fifty pounds in or as money Shall be Levied and assessed on the Estats of the free inhabitants &c: belonging unto this Township

voted the Commissioner and Select men are Chosen and Jmpored they or the major part of them to make the Said Rate and proportion

£50 Rate it according to their discressions on the Rateable Estate in this Township as abovsaid and that the Said Rate is within Eight daies next after this meeting to be made and Signed by the Said commissioner and select men or major part of them and to be paid in to the Town Treasury on or before the 30th of march next

voted that every freehoulder belonging to this Township who desir it Shall have four acres of Land to plant sow or mow Staked out to them for the time of four years out of our undivided Land according to the discression of Peleg Tripp Latham Clarke and Giles Slocum or the major part of them who are Chosen and Appointed by vote to Stake out the Same as conveniently as may be and no mowing Land is to be Staked out Except any Small part happen to fall out in their Lot And the aforesaid Staked out Land to be Surrendered up and the possession Left to the ffreeholders of this Township of portsmouth at the Expiration of the Said time of four years

and it is agreed that Every one to whom such a Lot is Staked

out he or they Shall make and maintain his or their Equall part or proportion of the fencing there unto belnging:

[**195**] Publique notice by his Exelencies command was given unto the Jnhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth, they being Required to make there Rights Appeare before his Exelencie at boston by the 14th of this Jnstant month march of A certaine percell of Land peticioned for by Capt Thomas Townsend Therefore, the Jnhabitants of the Said Town, being mett Together at the house of Richard Cadman in said Portsmouth on the second day of march 168$\frac{7}{8}$ And there with an unanimus Consent Did make Choise of Eight persons, to Draw up an Answer for to make our Claimes and Rights Appear before his Exelency at Boston, unto the aforesaid Lands and all other our undivided Lands or commos the persons chosen are major John Albro, John Coggeshall, Christopher Almy, William Wodell Peleg Tripp, Robert Hodgson Latham clarke and Thomas Cornell, And also Christopher Almy and John Borden are nominated and Appointed to goe to Boston, to make our Claimes and Rights Appear unto the Aforesaid Lands before his Excelencie the Govenr in boston aforesaid, money being gathered for the use as abovesaid whereof Christopher Almy had four pounds and John Borden Twenty Shillings, and Six Shillings was Spent at newport by the Committee that was chosen

march the 26th day 1688

A Town meeting of the Jnhabitants of Portsmouth being mett together at the house of Richard Cadman in Said T[ ] by order form the Justices at theire court of sessions [ ]d at newport the 13th day of December 1687 for to chuse men to make A County Rate of 41 pounds 6 shillings and Eight pence which is proporsioned and Assesed on the Said Town

voted Robert Hodgson, George Brownell, Robert Lawton, matthew

Borden, and Jsaac Lawton, are chosen they or the major part of them to make the Said Rate

Also it is Agreed at the same Town meeting and voted that A Rate of £25 in & as money shall be made and Assessed on the Jnhabitants of this Township of Portsmouth for the Releif of the poore and to pay this Towns debts money being due unto John Brigs Senr which he paid in the behalf of the Town and the Said Rate to be brought in and paid unto this Town Treasrer on or before the first day of July next; notice to be given unto the Jnhabitants by the Constables of Portsmouth who are to gather the same

voted that the above named persons who was Chosen before shall Also make this Rate by the Last day of Aprill next, if the Said Rate be paid in grane or wooll Jndian corne at 2 ℔ bushel barley at 2: 6^d ℔ bushel oats at 12^d ℔ bushel wooll at 7½^d ℔ pound all to be good and merchantable according unto the price befor[ ] Sett

[**196**] At A meeting of the free Jnhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 21st of the Third month 1688 at the house of Richard Cadman by order from the Governour and Council in Boston bearing Date the 17th of march: 1687:

voted Peleg Tripp Chosen Commissinor

voted John Borden
John Anthony
Thomas Cornel
Robert Hodgson
Giles Slocome
and matthew Borden
are Chosen Selectmen

voted Daniel Lawton
Abraham Anthony
and John Keese – –
are chosen Constables

and Jeremiah Smith of Prudence Jsland Chosen constable
voted John Anthony chosen Town Clerke and Engaged

At A meeting of the ffreeinhabitance of the Town of Portsmouth the 9th of the 6th month 1689 at the house of William Corey

voted Christopher Almy chosen moderator
voted christopher Almy, Jsaac Lawton, Henry Brightman and Samson Shearman are Chosen Deputies for the next Genl Assembly at newport
voted Latham Clarke — – — a[ ]d Thomas manchester Junr are chosen to serve on the next grand Jnquest at newport
voted Robert Lawton, John Albro Junr and John Cooke Junr are chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials next at newport
voted George Brownel, John Anthony and William coggeshall are chosen veiwers of cattel and Sheep according to former order
voted John Anthony Chosen Town Treasurer
voted Thomas manchester Senr is to have four pounds in or as money paid to him by the Town Treasurer for this present years Service in being Town Serjeant
voted ffrancis Brayton Junr Thomas Hassard and Peleg Shearman are chosen overseers of the poore
voted This meeting is Dissolved

[**197**] At A meeting of the ffree Jnhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 13th Day of the 12th month ffebruary 1689/90 At the house of William Cory in Said Portsmouth:

voted John Coggeshall Chosen Clerke for that Day
voted George Lawton chosen moderator

Christopher Almy
Jchabod Sheffield
Henry Brightman
and Latham Clarke
are chosen Deputies for the next Generall Assembly to be held at newport

Jsaac Lawton
and Giles Slocum
are Chosen to Serve on the next Grand Jnquest at newport

George Sisson
William Cory
and Zuriel Hall
are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free Jnhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth held at the house of William corey the 31st of the first month 1690

voted Christopher Almy chosen moderator
the Court order Read

voted George Sisson
Gidion ffreeborn
Henry Brightman
and Robert Lawton
are Chosen Deputies for the next Generall Assemblys to be held at newport

voted Christopher Almy George Sisson Henry Brightman and Gideon ffreeborn are chosen and Jmpowred they or the major part of them to Agree with James Talman or Some other Skilfull man to Cure Ellin Broomer and the charge to be paid by the Town provided it Doth not Exceed ten pounds and also to warn Any Strangers out of this Township or Take Sufficient Security to bear the Town harmless or Keep the Jnhabitants thereof from Charge
voted this meeting is Dissolved

[**198**] At A meeting of the free Jnhabitants of the Town of

Portsmouth on their Election Day the Second of the 4th month: 1690: at the house of William Corey

voted John Coggeshall Chosen moderator
voted John Anthony Chosen Town Clerke Engaged

voted Christopher Almy
George Sisson
Jchabod Sheffield
Peleg Tripp
Giles Slocum
and John Borden
are chosen to be on the Town Councill

voted John Anthony chosen Town Treasurer Engaged
voted Thomas manchester chosen Town Serjeant

o vted Thomas Durfee
Samuell Shearman
and Jacob mott Junr:
Egaged
are chosen constables
Engaged

voted Jeremiah Smith of Prudence Jsland Chosen Constable Engaged

voted Gideon ffreeborn
Jacob mott
and matthew Borden
are chosen overseers of the poor

voted John Anthony
George Brownell
and William coggeshall
are chosen veiwers of Sheep and Cattle according to fformer order

whereas theire is A Complaint to this meeting that their is Severall persons in this Township that hath Taken in Comon Therefore in consideration whereof it is voted and wee do hereby nominate Choose appoint and Jmpower major John Albro, John coggeshall captn christopher Almy, Peleg Tripp, and John Keese A committee they or the major part of them to Enquire and Search into the matter and Rectifie the Same and cause the Said Commons to be Laid open according to the Discression of the Said comittee or the major part of them And the Said Com-

mittee having Given Every perticular Defective person Sufficient warning within convenient time they and Every of them Shall Lay the Said commons open on or before the first Day of march next upon the penalty of the fforfiture of one Shilling for Every Rod of Land So detained or not Layd open to be paid into the Town Treasure and their fences Standing on the Said Land Shall be Thrown Dowen and the Said committee to have Reasonable Satisfaction by the Town Treasurer according as the Town Shall See Cause

voted John Anthony for his Last years Service in being Town Clerke Shall have Twenty Shillings in or as money paid unto him by the Town Treasurer

voted this meeting is Dissolved

[199] At A meeting of the ffree Jnhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 2d of the 5th month 1690: at the house of William Corey

voted John Coggeshall Chosen moderator
voted this meeting is Ajorned untill the first Day of August next and then to Appear at the house abovesaid

At A meeting of the ffree Jnhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 22d of the 6th month 1690: at the house of William Corey

voted John Coggeshall chosen moderator

voted George Sisson, Peleg Tripp, Giles Slocum and Jchabod Sheffield } are Chosen Deputies for the next Generall Assembly to be held at Portsmouth and also for the next Generall Assembly to be held at Providence

voted matthew Borden and Samson Shearman } are chosen to serve on the next Grand Jnquest at newport

voted Thomas manchester Junr John Cooke Junr and William Burrington } are chosen to Serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport

voted it is agreed and ordered that A Rate of Twenty pounds or there about in or as money Shall be Leavied and Assessed on on the Estats of the free inhabitants &c belonging unto this Township

voted Christopher Almy, Robert Lawton, Thomas Cornell, Giles Slocum and Zuriell Hall, are Chosen and Jmpowred they or the major part of them to make the Said Rate and to proportion it according to their Disscression on the Estate in this Township as abovesaid and that the Said Rate is within Three weaks next after this meeting to be made and Signed by the Said five men or major part of them and to be paid in-to the Town Treasury on or before the 29th of September next and what is paid in grain Js to be Jndian Corn at 2^{s} ℔ bushel barley at 2^{s}–3^{d} ℔ bushel oats at one Shilling ℔ bushel and Sheeps wool at 8^{d} ℔ all to be good and merchantable

voted This meeting is Dissolved

[**200**] At A meeting of the ffre inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William Corey the 14th of the 8th month 1690:

voted John Coggeshall Chosen moderator

voted George Lawton Junr Taken in a freeman in this Town

voted Robert Lawton, Giles Slocum, Gideon ffreeborn, George Lawton Junr, and William Corey, are Chosen they or the major part of them to make a Rate of Sixty pounds according to A Generall Assemblies order in may Last past the Said Rate is to be made and proportioned on or before the 20th of this Jnstant and Signed by the Said five men or major part of them and Return thereof to be made to the Generall Treasurer of this Colony and also to make A Town Rate of About Twenty pounds according

to the Town order the 22d of August Last past the Said Town Rate is to be made and proportioned on or before the first Day of December next and Signed by the Said five men or major part of them and to be paid into the Town Treasury on or before the 12th Day of December next

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth At the house of William Corey the 30th of the ffirst month: 1691:

voted John Coggeshall Chosen moderator

voted Henry Brightman, Latham Clarke, William Coggeshall and John Keese – are Chosen Deputies for the next Genrl Assembly and Election to be held at newport

voted William Wilbur and William Burington are chosen to Serve on the next Grand Jnquest

voted John Wilbur, Joseph Cooke and John Shreve are Chosen to Serve on the next Jury of Tryals

voted this meeting is Dissolved

[**201**] At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the first Day of the 4th month 1691: at the house of William corey

voted Robert Lawton chosen moderator
voted John Anthony chosen Town Clerke Engaged
voted Giles Slocum Engaged
George Sisson Engaged
George Lawton Junr Engaged
John Ward Engaged
Jsaac Lawton
and Gideon ffreeborn Engaged
are chosen to be on the Town Councill

voted John Anthony Chosen Town Treasurer Engaged
voted William Burington chosen Town Serjeant Engaged

voted Robert ffish
John Wilbur
and Joseph Cooke
are Chosen Constables

voted William Allin of Prudance Jsland Chosen Constable

voted Jacob mott
Thomas Durfee
and Thomas Cornell
are chosen overseers of the poore and to Take care that Strangers is not chargable to the Town

voted John Anthony
George Brownell
and William Coggeshall
are chosen veiwers of Cattle and Sheep according to former order

voted Thomas manchester for his Last years Service in being Town Serjeant Shall have Three pounds in or as money paid to him by the Town Treasurer
voted John Anthony for his Last years Service in being Town Clerke Shall have Twenty Shillings in or as money paid to him by the Town Treasurer
voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmoth the 8th Day of the 12th month 169½ at the house of William Corey

voted Henry Brightman Chosen moderator
voted that Benjamin Hall Shall have four pounds according to money paid unto him for Keeping Loding and Looking to of Ellin Bromer Three month from the date of this meeting by this Town
voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William Corey the 29th of the 12th month 1691

voted Robert Lawton Chosen moderator

voted Christopher Almy, Giles Slocum, Jsaac Lawton and Thomas Durfee are chosen deputies for the next Gen^{rl} Assembly and Election to be held at newport

voted Samson Shearman and Daniel Lawton are Chosen to Serve on the next Grand Jnquest at newport

voted Peleg Shearman, William Corey and nathaniel Potter Junr are Chosen to Serve on the next Jury of Trials at newport

voted this meeting is Dissolved

[202] At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 28th of the first month 1692 at the hous of William Corey

voted Henry Brightman Chosen moderator

voted that John Hix hath A quarter of An Acre of Land or Less Lent unto him to make A garden for the time of ffive years from the Date hereof in the common fence near Joseph Anthonys old house and then to Resigne it unto the Town Again And Thomas Hix Joseph Anthony and Thomas Durfee Junr is to Lay it out So that it may not Damnifie any highway

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At at a meeting of the ffree inhabitan of the Town of Portsmouth on ther Election Day the 6th of the 4th month 1692 at the house of William Corey

voted Giles Slocum Chosen moderator

voted John Anthony chosen Town clerke Engaged

voted George Sison } Engaged
George Lawton Junr } Engaged
are chosen to be on the Town Councill
Jsaac Lawton – – } Engaged
John Ward } Engaged
Gideon ffreeborne } Engaged
and Thomas Durfee } Engaged

voted John Anthony chosen Town Treasurer Engaged
Thomas Rimington of Prudence is Admitted a freeman in this Town

voted John Tripp chosen Town Serjeant Engaged

voted William Allin of Prudance is Admitted a ffreeman

voted Daniel Pearse of prudence is Admitted a ffreeman

voted Joseph Cooke } Engaged
John Corey who } are chosen constables wholy Refuseth to serve who upon better consideration Engageth
Thomas Hassard }

voted Jeremiah Smith Chosen a constable for prudence Engaged

voted John Anthony } are chosen veiwers
and John Tripp }

voted Jeremiah Smith Chosen a veiwer for Prudence

voted John Anthony for his Last years Service in being Town Clerke Shall have Twenty Shillings in or as money paid him by the Town Treasurer

voted William Burrington for his Last years Service in being Town Serjeant Shall have Thirty Shillings in or as money paid him by the Town Treasurer

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William Corey the 24th of the 3^d month 1695

voted Giles Slocum Chosen moderator
voted this meeting is Dissolved

[203] At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 22d of the 6th month 1692 at the hous of William corey

voted Henry Brightman Chosen moderator
voted John vaughan and Peleg Shearman are Admited freemen in this Town

voted William Wilbur and William Earl } are Chosen to serve on the next Grand Inquest at newport

voted John vaughan Thomas Rimington and Joseph Sheffield } are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tiyals at newport

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 10th of the first month 169$\frac{2}{3}$ at the house of William Corey

voted Giles Slocum chosen moderator

voted matthew Borden and Daniel Lawton } are chosen to Serve on the next Grand Inquest at newport

voted John Wilbur Samson Shearman and John Shreve } are chosen to Serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport

voted and ordered that if any Ram be found on the common from the 10th of August to the 10th of november it Shall be Lawfull for any Towns man to geld Such Ram or Rams
voted This meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 12th of the Second month 1693 at the house of William corey

voted Giles Slocum Chosen moderator

voted George Lawton Junr
William Earll
Peleg Shearman
and Thomas cornell ——
are chosen Deputies for the next Generall Assemblies at newport

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 8th of the first month 169$\frac{4}{5}$ at the house of William Corey

voted Henry Brightman chosen moderator

voted Isaac Lawton
Latham Clarke
George Lawton
and William corey
are chosen Deputies for the next Generall Assemblies at newport

voted Daniell Lawton
and Joseph cooke
are chosen to serve on the next Grand Inquest at newport

voted matthew Borden
Thomas manchester
and John Corey — —
are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport

voted This meeting is Dissolved

[**204**] At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth on their Election Day the 20th of the 4th month at the house of William corey

voted major John Albro chosen moderator
voted John Anthony chosen Town clerke Engaged

voted George Sisson Engaged
George Lawton Junr
Isaac Lawton Engaged
John Coggeshall are chosen to serve on the Town
John Ward Engaged counsell
and Thomas Durfee Engaged

voted John Anthony chosen Town Treasurer Engaged

voted John Tripp chosen Town serjeant Engaged

voted John manchester Engaged
Joseph Sheffield Engaged
and John Strainge Junr are chosen constables

voted William Allin of Prudence Island Chosen Constable

voted John Anthony
George Brownell are chosen veiwers of Cattle according to former order
and George Tripp

voted John Anthony Shall have Twenty Shillings in or as money for his Last years Service in being Town Clerke paid unto him by the Town Treasurer

voted John Tripp Shall have Thirty Shillings in or as money for his Last years Service in being Town Serjeant paid unto him by the Town Treasurer

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 10th of the 9th month 1693 at the house of William Corey

voted Henry Brightman chosen moderator

voted there is A Rate of 20 in or as money to be made and Levied on all the Rateable Estate in this Township
Giles Slocum Latham Clarke, William Corey Thomas Durfee and John Anthony are chosen they or the major part of them

to make the Said Rate and proportion it on all the Inhabitants in this Township on or before the 20th of this Instant month according to their Discression So that it Shall be by Every perticular person brought or paid in unto the Town Treasurer on or before the 20th of December next after the Date hereof

voted this meeting is dissolved

[205] At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William corey the 12th of the 11th month $169\frac{3}{4}$

voted Henry Brightman chosen moderator

voted John Sanford son of Samuel Sanford is Admited A freeman in this Town

voted William Arnold and Thomas Cooke are Admited freemen in this Town

voted John Anthony is Admited A freeman in this Town

voted Jeremiah mott is Admited A freeman in this Town

voted John Tripp is Admited a ffreeman in this Town

voted there Shall be A commitee chosen they or the major part of them are hereby ffully Impowered to Audit This Towns accounts with John Borden concerning hog Island So that it may be ffree to be disposed for the Towns bennifitt

voted major John Albro, Caleb Arnold, Henry Brightman George Brownel John Anthony Benjamin Hall William corey William Wodell and John coggeshall are chosen the abovesaid Committee And the Said commitee or major part of them Shall and have full power to Lay out the Lands on the South Side between the Widow Lays and the Land in Nicholas Browns possession; into Small Lots for the Inlargement of the Town to be disposed of according to the discression of the Said Commitee or major part of them for the accomodating of the free inhabitants [ ] Straingers. Especially the Inhabitants before

strangers And those persons that Shall have Lots granted or Setled there Shall have no Right or priviledge in any of the undivided Land in this Township by vertue of Said Lots And also the Said Commitee is to draw up A method ho[ ] to dispose of the undivided Land in this Township and make Returne thereof unto the next Town meeting

voted the abovesaid Commitee or major part of them are to act and performe the abovesaid premises

voted that the Town Treasurer shall deliver unto William Potter A Sufficient quantyty of money or moneys worth for the Supply and maintainance of Ellin Bromer

voted this meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of portsmouth at the house of William Corey the 22th* of the 12th month $169\frac{3}{4}$

voted Henry Brightman chosen moderator

voted Thomas Durfee, George Sisson, William Wilbur and John Ward are chosen deputies for the next General Assemblies at newport

voted Benjamin Shearman and Latham Clarke are chosen to Serve on the next Grand Inquest at newport

[**206**] voted William Arnold, John Sanford Samuel Sanfords Son and Thomas Durfee Junr are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport

voted John Borden Shall have Seven pounds Sixteene Shillings and Six pence paid unto him by This Towns Treasurer in or as money which we find is his due concerning hog-Island according to his account

* Either 22th or 23d. First entry changed.

Wee of the Comētee Chosen at A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth on Rhode Island at the house of William Cory the 12th of January 169¾ to Lay out the Southside Into Small Lots and also to consider and draw up in wrighting some fare honest & Legall method and conveniant way for deviding all or part of ye Rest of our undevided Lands in this Township in such maner And proportions as wee in our understandings Shall Think most Conveniant, In persuance of Said order wee have Severall times met And having considered the premises, wee cannot Satisfie our Selves that any fare and Legall corse can be for deviding ye whole by Reason of Some watring places for Cattell and other generall Conveniances to ye Inhabitants of Said Town, but having Sarched the booke of Records doe finde that the fformer way & method hath been to grant to pertickuler persons in Said Town and Therefore wee Think it the most convenient way, first to grant to Every free inhabitant that is A present freeholder ye quantety of Twelve Acres of Land at the Least. and more According to quallity and to be Aded Adjoyning to Each freehold where it may be done without prejudece to their nighbours, and where it cannot be Joyned to the freehold, then to be Layd out to such in ye neerest Conveniant place that may bee: And as for Such persons as have Land in this Township and are not present freeinhabitants and ye proper owners of sd Land comes to make demand for their Rights in ye undivided Land they Shall be considered and have their part according to ye discression and Judgment of the comettee or disposers of Land or the major part of them that Shall be chosen & appointed to act and doe in the premises herein declared: wee Think it Convenient that the Town choose A survaior with two or three able men to Assist him in Lay=ing out Said Land Equally and Justly according to quallity that noe free holder may be wronged. And that Every person or persons that hath his Land Layd out pay two Shillings pr Acre According to the former custom in Said

Town, for to defray the Charge of Survaing and Laying out. And the Said money to be paid into this Town Treasury for to defray any other Charges that may Arise in this Town: The above written is voted

voted major John Albro chosen surveyer to Survey the above mentioned Land and Lay it out according to voat

voted George Brownel, William Wodell, and George Sisson, are Chosen to be helpfull to the abovesaid surveyer in Laying out the above written proportions of Land according as it is their Directed

voted this meeting is dissolved: Latham Clarke, Gidion ffreeborn, and Giles Slocum doe utterly protest Against the proceeding of this meeting concerning Laying out of any of our undivided Land in this Township

[**207**] At A meeting of the ffreeinhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth on their Election day the 4th of the 4th month 1694 at the house of William corey

voted Giles Slocum chosen moderator
voted John Anthony chosen Towne clerke Engaged

voted George Sisson Engaged
George Lawton Engaged
Latham Clarke Engaged
are Chosen to Serve on the Town Councell
John Ward Engaged
Isaac Lawton
and William Earll Engaged

voted John Anthony chosen Town Treasurer Engaged
voted John Tripp chosen Town Serjeant Engaged

voted John Sanford Son of Samuel Sanford
John Keese
and John Shreve are chosen Constables

voted Daniel Pears of Prudance Island chosen A constable

voted William Earll
John Tripp
John Anthony
and James Akin
are Chosen Surveyers

voted John Tripp Shall have fifty Shillings for his Last years service in being Town serjeant in or as money paid unto him by the Town Treasurer

voted John Anthony Shall have Twenty Shillings in or as money for his Last years Service in being Town clerke paid unto him by the Town Treasurer

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the freeinhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 17th of the 6th month 1694 at the house of William Corey: voted Henry Brightman Chosen moderator

voted Isaac Lawton
Latham Clarke
George Lawton
and William corey
are chosen deputies for the next Generall Assembly at newport

voted John Ward
and John vaughon
are chosen to Serve on the next grand Inquest at newport

voted Robert ffish - - - -
Benjamin Shearman
and Thomas Townsend
are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport

voted this meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the ffreeinhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 17th of the 11th month 169$\frac{5}{4}$ at the house of William Corey

voted Henry Brightman Chosen moderator
voted Hog Island Shall be Divided
voted this meeting is Dissolved

[Here cease the records of town meetings, with the exception of a few, chiefly of later date, that are scattered through the remainder of the book, among deeds, wills, births, marriages, ear-marks, etc.

For the dates of such meetings, see the table at the beginning of this volume.]

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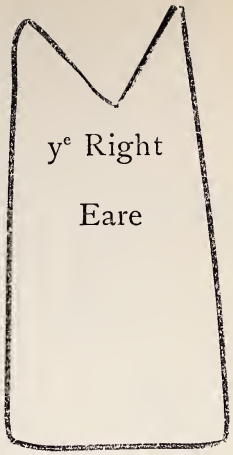

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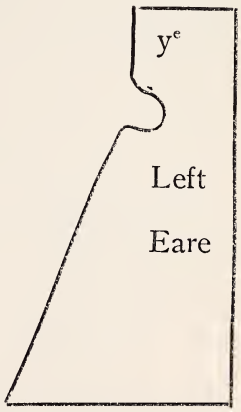

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e marke of ye Cattell of Ackabut potter
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The Eare marke of Samwell Albro
is a Crop one ye Right Eare about
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november 1667 by me Richard
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The Eare marke of mr Calleb Arnold his Cattel is a holl in Each Eare of 3 yeres standinge and Entred vpon Record the 30th of Novembar 1667 by me Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

the Eare marke of Richard Hart his Cattell is two Crops a little hollow doune ward of 12 yeres Standinge and Entred vpon Record the second of december 1667 by me Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

The Eare marke of John Tripp Senyor
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e Cattel of Thomas Brayton is A Crop on the
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Same Entred and Recorded the 26th
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[**224**] The Eare marke of John Antho
is a hole in ye left Eare and a Crop
Right of 30 yeares Standinge and
and Entred vpon Record this second
december 1667 by me Richard Bu
towne Clarke

The Eare marke of william Earls Cattell is a
hapeny vnder the side of ye further Eare a
a slitt one the Nere Eare of 12 yeares stand
and Entred vpon Record by me Richard Bulg
towne Clarke December ye 5th 1667

The Earemarke of John Tyler his Cattell
is two holes through the Right Eare one aboue
an other, and a Nicke one the Nether side o
the same Eare nere the Rooute of the Eare
the left Eare no marke at all this is the

Eare marke of all his Cattell and Ent
Record the 6th of December 1667 and
standinge by me Richard Bulgar town

The Eare marke of Lewes Matex his C
a Crop one the left Eare and a Slitt in th
midle of ye Crope with a bitt taken out
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this was henry percey his marke
By me Richard Bulgar
towne Clarke

The Eare marke of william halls his C
a Crop one the Right Eare and the
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Record the 12th of december 16
me Richard Bulgar towne

[225] e marke of the Cattell of frances
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no other marke of 26 yeares standinge
d Entred vpon Record the 13th of december
667 by me Richard Bulgar towne
Clarke

The Eare Marke of the Cattell of daniell Lawtons Cattle is two Nicks behinde the left Eare and one Nick one the fore side of ye Right Eare of 4 yeares standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 16th of Janauery 1667 by me Richard Bulgar towne Clarke the abovesaid Daniel Lawton hath assigned the abovesaid Ear marke unto his Son Thomas Lawton to be his proper Earmark
Entered by me John Anthony Town Clerke
the 3d of the 1st moneth 1684

The Eare marke of Samuell Sanfords Cattle is a ffore gad one the Right Eare and one the left Eare two hapenes one before and the r behinde ye Eare of 12 yeares standinge is Entred vpon Record this 16th of Janauery 67 by me Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

Eare marke of Hugh Mosher his Cattell is o hapenis before vpon the Right Eare and one hapeny ne the left Eare before of seuen yeares Standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 19th of feburery 1667 or 68

By me Richard Bulgar
Towne Clarke

The Eare marke of Joshuah Coggshall his Cattell is a Crope one both Eares it beinge his ffathers marke and is Entred vpon Record this 9th of march 1667 or 68

By me Richard Bulgar
Towne Clarke

[**226**] The Eare Marke of Thomas Cooke Senr his Cattle is a Crop one the left Eare, and a hapeny vnder the lower side of the same Eare, and a Slitt one ye Right Eare of 26 yeares Standinge or there abouts and is Entred vpon Record this 9th of march 1667 or 68

By me Richard Bulgar
Towne Clarke

The Eare Marke of Joseph Houldersbe his Cattel is two halfe dimonds Cutt in to ye Right Eare of one weke Standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 9th day of march 1667 or 68

By me Richard Bulgar
Towne Clarke

The Eare Marke of Thomas Cooke Junr his Cattell is a Croop one ye left Eare and a Slitt in ye Crop and a hole in ye Right Eare of 20 yeares Standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 9th day of march 1667 or 68

By me Richard Bulgar
towne Clarke

The Eare Marke of Dauid Ackan his Cattle is a Crop one the Right Eare and a slitt in the same Eare, and a hapeny vnder the left Eare of three yeares standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 25th day of aprill 1668 by me

Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

The Eare marke of mi^{s} Rebecka Cornell is a Crop one the left Eare, and a slante pece Cutt of behinde the Right Eare of 28 years standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 25th day of aprill 1668 by me

Richard Bulgar Towne Clarke

[**227**] The Eare Marke of Thomas Cornell his Cattell is a Crop on the left Eare and a hapeny behind it two hapenes one the Right Eare on behinde and the othere before of 15 yeares standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 25 day of aprill 1668 by me

Richard Bulgar Towne Clarke

The Eare marke of Gyles Slocom is a Crope in the Right Eare, and a hapeny vnder the same one the same Eare, with a Slitt in the left Eare and a hapeny vnder of thirty years standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 25th day of aprill 1668 by me

Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

The Eare Marke of the Cattell of William Woods is a Croop on the Right Eare and a fore gad on the left Eare and two Nicks vnder one the hinder side of ye left Eare of 12 yeares standinge or there abouts and is Entred vpon Record this 25th of aprill 1668 by me

Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

The Eare marke of John Cooke his Cattell is a Crope one the left Eare and a hapene vnder the Crop one the vnder side of ye Eare and a slitt one the Right Eare and a hapeny before or one the fore side of the same Eare of 14 yeares standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 28 day of aprill 1668 By me

Richard Bulgar towne
Clarke

The Earemarke of Thomas woods his Cattell is the left Eare a Croop and a flower deluce one the Right Eare of 14 yeares standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 28 of aprill 1668 by me

Richard Bulgar Towne
Clarke

[228] The Eare Marke of Joseph Tripp his Cattell is a Croope one ye Left Eare and a hapeny one ye fore part of ye left Eare and a Slitt downe ye midle of ye Right Eare of halfe a yeares standinge and Entred vpon Record the 12th of Octobar 1668 by me

Richard Bulgar
towne Clarke

The Eare marke of Nicklas Browne Senyor his Cattell is a slitt downe one both Eares and no more of twenty Nine yeares standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 13th day of November 1668 by me

Richard Bulgar
Towne Clarke

The Eare marke of Thomas manchestar his Cattel is a Crope one the Left Eare and two Nicks one y[ ] hinder side of ye Right Eare of 20 ye[ ] standinge and Entred vpon Record this 29 of march 1669

By me Richard bulgar
Towne Clarke

The Ear marke of the cattel of Daniel Lawton Junr is A nick or peice cut^out^ under the Left Ear with A Crop on the Same Ear it being fformerly belonging unto William Wodel Senr Deceased Entred and Recorded ℘ me John Anthony Town Cleerke the 12th of the 3^d^ month 1701

[**229**] The Eare marke of Dauid lake his Cattell is a Crope on the Nere Eare with a small Slit one the fore side of ye same Eare of 3 yeres standinge and Entred vpon Record this 29th of march 1669

by me Richard Bulgar
towne Clarke

The Eare marke of John Lightfoots Cattell is a Crop one the Right Eare and a hapene taken of from the hindermust side the whole langth of ye left Eare of on yeares Standinge and Entred vpon Record ye 13th of aprill 1669

by me Richard Bulgar
towne Clarke

The Ear mark of Thomas Hixes Cattel is A Slit in the Right Ear and A halfpenney under the Left Ear of one year and Seven months Standing Entred and Recorded the 30th of the 10th month 1703 ℘ me John Anthony Towne Cleerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Benjamin Chase is A Crop on the Left Ear and A Slitt in the Right Ear with a halfpenney under the Same Entred and Recorded the 3^d^ of the ffirst month 170¾ ℘ me John Anthony Town Cleerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Thomas Jefferrey is Three Slits in the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 13th of the first month 170¾ ℘ me John Anthony Towne Cleerke

The Ear marke of the Cattell of Isaac Lawton Son of Dnill Lawton is two nicks under the Left Ear and a hindgad on the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 14th of the 2d month 1704 ℘ me John Anthony Town Cleerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Isaac Lawton son of Daniel Lawton is two nicks under the Left Ear and A hindgad on the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 25th of the 3d month 1705 ℘ me John Anthony Town Cleerke

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Richard Sisson is a hindgad on Each Ear and A halfpeney under the Left Ear it being fformerly his Grand ffather Richard Sissons Ear mark Entred and Recorded the 17 of the 8th month 1705 ℘ me John Anthony Town Cleerke

[**230**] The Eare marke of Thomas ffish Junyor his Cattell is a Crope on both ye Eares and two Nicks one the inside of ye Right Eare and one Nicke one the fore side of the left Eare of halfe a yeares standinge and Entred vpon Record this 22th of may 1669

By me Richard Bulgar
Towne Clarke

David Vahan.

The Eare-marke of David Vahan of the Towne of portsmouth for his Catle: on the Right Eare a hole and a hapeny vnder the eare Close to the head, and a forke on the left eare and a hapeny close to the head vnder the Same Eare. Entred on Record the 14th day of October 1669 ℘ me John Sanford Towne Clerke.

John pinner, — The Eare-marke John pinner, for his Catle. vnder the Right Eare a hafe-peny. and a hind-gad. on the left Eare. Entred on Record the. 16th Day of march. 1669/70:
℘ me John Sanford Tow. Clerke.

John Simmons — The Eare-marke of John Simmons for his Catle is a forke or Swallows Tayle on Each Ear Entred on Record the 16th Day of may 1670. ℘ me John Sanford Tow. Clerke

Willia' Burrington — The Eare-marke of William Burrington for his Catle. is a hole in Each Eare. Entred on Record. the. 22th of Aprill 1671
℘ me John Sanford T. Clerke.

Robt. Hodgson — The Eare marke of Robert Hodgson for his Cattell. is a Crop on Each Eare and a hapeny vnder Each Crop and a hapeny above on the Right Eare. Entred on Record the. 4th of January: 1671
℘ me. John Sanford Tow̃ Clerke.

Heñ. Straight. — The Eare marke: of Henry Straight for his Cattell is a fforke or Swallows tayle on the Right eare, with a hapeny on the fore part of the Said Richt Eare and a hingad on the left Eare. Entred on Record the 11th of March 1671/72 ℘ me John Sanford Tow̃ Clerke.

Tho Jenings junr.

The Eare marke of Thomas Jenings of portsmouth junr for his Catle. is a Slauntinge Crope to the fore part of the Eare and a hapeny vnder Entred and Recorded the 24th July 1672.

℘ John Sanford To. Clerke

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The Eare marke of the Catle of Thomas Hicks is a slitt in the Right eare about the Midle part of the eare from the top this same marke beinge fformerly belonging to his ffather. Entred and Recorded the 21t. of Novemr 1672

℘ me John Sanford T Clerke.

[ ] Anthony

The Eare-marke of the Catle of Thomas Anthony is a Crop of each Eare and a hole in each Eare and a hapeny before on the left Eare: Entred and Recorded the 21t. of ffebruary 1673

℘ me John Sanford Towne Clerke.

Georg Sisson

The Eare marke of the Catle of Georg Sisson is a forke or Swallows tayle on the Right Eare, and a hingad on the left Eare. Entered and Recorded the: 30th Day of May 1673 ℘ me John Sanford Towne Clerke.

Gyles pearce.

The. Eare marke of the Catle of Gyles pearce is a Crop on each eare and slitt in Each Crop and a hapeny under on the Right Eare. Entered and Recorded the. 5th of July 1673.

℘ me John Sanford Towne Clerke.

[ ] Coggeshall — The Eare marke of the Catle of m^r John Coggeshall is two hapenys before one the neere or left Eare, Entered and Recorded the 8th Day of August 1673 ℘ John Sanford Towne Clerke

[ ]iam Maize — The Eare marke of the Catle of William Maize is a Crop on each Eare and a hole in the Right Eare and a slitt in the left eare. Entred and Recorded the 8th of August 1673:
℘ me John Sanford Towne Clerke

[ ] Brayton ju^r — The Eare-marke of the Catle of ffrancis Brayton jun^r. is a slitt in the left Eare and a hapeny vnder the same eare || and A hindgad on the Right Ear aded ℘ me John Anthony Towne Clerke ||
Entred and Recorded the 23. of March 1673/74.
℘ me John Sanford Tow Clerke.

Benjã. Chase — The Eare marke of Catle of Benjamin Chase is a slitt in the left Eare and two hapenys above and two hapenys below on the Said Left Eare, Entred and Recorded the 21^t of Aprill 1674
℘ me. John Sanford Towne Clerke.

Stephen Brayton
[ ] held by his Son
[ ]ephen Brayton — The Eare-Marke of the Catle of Stephen Brayton is a Crop on the Right eare and a hapeny vnder the Cropp on fore-part of the said right eare. Entred and Recorded the 1^t of June 1674
℘ me. John Sanford. Towne Clerke.

The Eare-marke of the Cattle of Benjamin Shearman is a duble V on the left Eare thus described Entred and Recorded the 1t of June 16 4
℘ me. John Sanford Towne Clerke.

The Ear marke of the cattle of John Tripp Junr is A crop on the Left Ear and A halfpeney on Each Side the Same it fformerly belonging to his uncle James Tripp, and the Said John Tripp hath marked his Sheep of the same marke Ever sence he had Sheep Entred and Recorded the 28th of the 3d month 1705 ℘ me John Anthony Town Cleerke

[**232**]
James Case

James Case the Earemarke of his Catle is a Crop on the ne[ ] Eare and a hapeny above and below the farr or right Eare Entred and Recorded the 16t Decemr 1674
John Sanford [ ]

Jeremī Wayte

The Eare-marke of the Cattell of Jeremiah Wayte is a Cropp on the Right Eare [ ] a hapeny behinde the Said Right Eare, a hindgad on the left Eare and a hapeny behinde on the said left Eare. Entred and Recorded the 16th of January 1674
℘ me John Sanford Towne Clerke.

John Anthony

The Ere mark of the Cattle of John Anthony is a Crop of the Right Eare and a hole in Each Eare Entred and Recorded the: 8th of the: 4th moneth 1677:
℘ me John Anthony Towne Clerke

put to David Anthony in 1808

Abraham Anthony

The Eare mark of the Cattle of Abraham Anthony is a Crop of the Right Eare and a hole in the left Eare Entred and Recorded the: 8:th of the: 4:th moneth 1677

℘ me John Anthony Towne Clerke

Joseph Anthony

The Eare mark of the Cattle of Joseph Anthony is a Crop of the Right Ear[ ] and 2 holes in the Left Eare Entred and Recorded the: 3: of the: 5:th moneth: 1677:

℘ me John Anthony Towne Clerke

Peleg Tripp

The Eare mark of the Cattle of Peleg Tripp is a Crop of the Le[ ] Eare and A halfpenny cutt out before Each Eare Entred and Record[ ] the: 18th of July: 1677:

℘ me John Anthony Towne C[ ]

Abiell Tripp

The Eare mark of the Cattle of Abiell Tripp is a crop of the [ ] Eare and a halfpeney before the Same and a halfpene beh[ ] the Right Eare Entered and Recorded the 27 of the 3d mo[ ] 1678

℘ mee John Anthony Town Clerke

James Tripp

The Eare mark of the Cattle of James Tripp is a Crop of the Left Eare and A halfpeny on Each Sid the same Eare Entered and Recorded the 3d of the fourth month 1678

℘ mee John Anthony Town Clerke

Arthur Cooke

The Eare marke of the Cattell of Arthur Cooke is A crop on the Right Eare and A halfpenney on Each Sid the Same Eare Entered and Recorded the 9th of the 8th moneth 1678 ℘ mee John Anthony Town Clerke

Isaac Lawton

The Eare marke of the Cattle of Isaac Lawton is a crop on the Right Eare and 2 slits in the under side the Left Eare Entered and Recorded the 31 of the : 11th moneth 1678 ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

Peleg Shearman

The Eare marke of the Cattle of Peleg Shearman is A fore gad on the Left Eare and A nick or pece cut out behind the said left Eare
Entered and Recorded the 1 of the 12th moneth 1678 ℘ mee John Anthony Towne Clerke

[**233**] The Eare marke of the Cattel of Robert Durfee is A f[ ]ke on the left Eare and A halfpenney under the [ ]ight Eare
[ ]fee Entered and Recorded the 2d of the 3d moneth 1679 ℘ mee John Anthony Towne Clerke

put to James Cook son of John 6th Mo 1789

The Eare marke of the Cattell of William Shearman is A foregad on the Left Eare and A halfpenney on Each Side the Right Eare Entered and Recorded the 31th of the 3d moneth 1679 ℘ mee John Anthony Towne Clerke

The Eare marke of the Cattell of William Wodell Junr is A Crop on the Lefte Eare and a nicke Cut out under the Crop behind the Said Eare and A Slit in the Right Eare. Entered and Recorded the: 9th: of the: 4th: moneth: 1679: ℘ mee John Anthony Towne Clerke

The Eare marke of the Cattell of Philip Shearman is A foregad on the Left Eare Entered and Recorded the: 10th: of the: 4th: moneth 1679 ℘ me John Anthony Towne Clerke

The Eare marke of the Cattell of Samuell Shearman is A foregad on the left Eare and A hole in the Right Eare Entered and Recorded the: 10th: of the: 4th: moneth 1679 ℘ mee John Anthony Towne Clerke

The Eare marke of the Cattle of Giels Slocum Junr is A Crop on the Right Eare and A halfpeney on Each Side the Same and A Slit in the left Eare with A halfpeney under the Same Entered and Recorded the 12th of: 5th: moneth 1679
℘ mee John Anthony Towne Clerke

[**234**] At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsm[ ] held At the house of William Correys the 18th day of the: 6th: mon[ ] 1679

voted Philip Shearman Chosen moderator

A Copy of A Letter Sent by his maj^{estey} to this his Colony Read the act of the Generall Assembly the: 9th: of July 1679 Read

voted that A Rate of Eleven pounds be made in this Town for the payment of our part of Sixty pounds according to the Late Generall Assemblies order

voted that William Wodel Town Treasurer shall pay fifteene shillings unto John Coggeshall Senr which was alowed him by A Generall Assembly held at newport october the: 25th: 1676:

John Sanford, John Brigs sen^{r}, ffrancis Brayton sen^{r}, Edward

Lay, and William Clarke are all Chosen they or the major part of them to make the abouesaid Rate of Eleven pounds with Twenty Shillings more aded to the said Rate to defray Charges according t[ ] Court order and the said Sums are to be levied on Each person Rateable in T[ ] Town on or before the last day of This Instant moneth and car[ ] in and be delivered to the Gen^rl Treasurer on or before the last day of [ ] Seventh moneth next
voated This meeting in desolued

At A meeting of the ffreeinhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William corey on their Election Day t[ ] 3^d of the 4th month 1695

voted John Albro chosen moderator
voted John Anthony chosen Towne clerke Engaged
voted George sisson Engaged
John Ward Engaged
George Lawton Engaged
are chosen to serve on the Town counsell
Latham clarke Engaged
Benjamin Hall Engaged
and Abraham Anthony who possitively Refusing in his Room wa[ ] chosen Jacob mott Engaged
voted John Anthony chosen Town Treasurer Engaged
voted John Tripp chosen Town serjeant Engaged
voted John Keese Engaged
Benjamin Shearman
Daniel Lawton
are chosen constables
voted Daniel Pearse of Prudence Island chosen constable
voted William Earll
John Tripp
John Anthony
and James Akin
are chosen surveyers

voted John Tripp shall have five and ffifty shillings in or as money paid unto him by the Town Treasurer for his Last years servis in being Town serjeant

voted John Anthony shall have Twenty shillings in or as money paid unto him by the Town Treasurer for his Last years service in being Town Clerke

voted John Anthony Town Treasurer is ordered to buy A Book for this Towns use and the charge to be boren by this Town

voted this meeting is Dissolved

[**235**] The Eare marke of the Cattell of John Keese is a Slit Right down in the fore part of the Left Eare
Entered and Recorded the 4th of the 7th moneth 1682:
put to Lewis Greenhill in 1820 ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Eare marke of the Cattel of Joseph Nicholson is a Crop on the near Eare: Entered and Recorded the 19th of the 11th moneth 1682: ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Eare marke of the Cattel of Stephen West is A hindgad on the Left Eare and a halfpenney before the Right Entered and Recorded the 10th of the 3d moneth 1683 ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Eare marke of the Cattell of Philip Cuming is a halpenney on Each Side Each Eare
Entered and Recorded the 8th of the 4th moneth 1683 ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

the Ear marke of the Cattel of Richard Durfee is a fork on the Left Ear and A hole in the Right Ear Entered and Recorded the 2d of the 12th moneth 1683 ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Daniell Lawton is 2 nicks behind the Left Ear Entered and Recorded the 3d of the 1st moneth 1684 ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Thomas Durfee Junr is a fork on the Left Ear and a halfpenney under the Same Entered and Recorded the first of the 3d moneth 1684 ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Thomas Gatchell is A Crop on the Right Ear and two halfpenneys under the Same Ear Entered and Recorded the 5th Day of the 4th moneth 1684 ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Gershom Wodell is a Crop on the Left Ear and a nick or cut out under the Same Ear and a hindgad on the Right Ear Entered and Recorded the 5th Day of the 4th moneth: 1684:
℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Robert Brownel is a crop on the Left Ear and a hole in the Same and a foregad on the Right Ear: Entered and Recorded the 17th day of the 4th moneth 1684 ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Eare marke of ye Cattel of Joseph Lawton is 2 nicks behind the left ear being the Ear mark of the abovenamed Daniel Lawton (his deceased father) Recorded the 8th of ye 6th mo 1721 pr Wm Sanford Town Clerk

[236] The Ear mark of the Cattell of Benjamin Angell is [ ] Crop on the Left Ear and a halfpenny before the Sa[ ] and a Slit in the Right Ear Entered and Recorded the: [ ] of the 10th month 1684 ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

put to Thos. Shreeve 1794

The Ear mark of the Cattell of John Shreve is A foregad o[ ] the Left Ear and two hindgads on the Right Ear Entered and Recorded the 29th of the 3d month : 1685 : ℘ me John Anthony Town clerke

The Ear mark of the Cattell of Henry Brightman is two halfpenneys or nicks under the Right Ear and one halfpenny or nick before the Left Ear it being formerly his ffather in Law William Jamesis Ear mark Entered and Recorded the first of the 7th month 1685 ℘ me

John Anthony Town clerke

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Lott Strainge is a hole in the Right Ear and a halfpeney on Each Side the Left near the middle of the Ear Entred and Recorded the 5th of the 11th month 1686 ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

Put to Stephen N. Cornell

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Stephen Cornell is a crop on the Left Ear and a halfpeney before the Same and a halfpeney on Each Side the Right Ear Entered and Recorded the 5th of the 11th month 1686 ℘ me John Anthony Town Cle[ ]

The Ear marke of the Cattel of John Strainge is A crop on the Left Ear and A hole in the Right Ear with A halfpeney on Each Side the Same Right Ear it is of one and Twenty years Standing Entred and Recorded the 15th of the 11th month : 1686 : ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Robert Colwell is A forke on the Right Ear and A halfpeney under the Same and A halfpeney before the Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 25th of the first month 1687 ℘ me

John Anthony Town clerke

The Ear mark of the cattel of Gershom mott Junr is A Crop on the Left Ear and A peice slopt of from the hinder part of the Said Crop and a halfpeney under the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 26th of 2^{d} month 1687: ℘ me John Anthony Town clerke

[237] The Ear marke of the cattle of Robert fish is A crop on the Right Ear and a half peney Afore the Same and A flower deluce on the Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 10th of the 7th month 1687: ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattle of Job Lawton is a fork on the Right Ear and two nicks under the Same Entred and Recorded the 7th of the 12th month 168$\frac{8}{9}$ ℘ me John Anthony Towne Clerke

The Ear marke of the cattle of Thomas Potter is a Crop on the Right Ear and a slit in the Same and a slit in the Left Ear and a half penney under the Same it being formerly his ffathers Earmarke Entred and Recorded the 4th of the 5th month: 1689: ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Earmarke of The Cattle of James Talman is a Crop on the Right Ear and two half pennyes befor the Same and one halfpenny before the Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 11th of 12th month 1690 ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattle of othoniel Tripp is A crop on the Left Ear and A half peney before the same with A Slit Right Down the midle of the same Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 25th of the 3^{d} month 1693:

℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke the catle of of Jeremiah Lawton is two niks under the Left Ear and one nik befor the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 26th of the 3^{d} month 1693

℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattle of Adam Lawton is one nick under the Right Ear and Two nicks under the Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 12th of the 2d month 1694
℘ me John Anthony Towne Clerke

A Town meeting

At A meeting of the freeinhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William cory the 13th of the 6th month 1695

voted Giles Slocum chosen moderator
voted this meeting is dissolved

The Ear marke of the cattle of William Anthony son of Abraham Anthony is a crop on Each Ear and halfpeney under the Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 30th of the 10th month 1695 ℘ me John Anthony Town clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Lott Tripp is A Crop on the Left Ear and A halfpeney before the Same and A Slit in the fore part of the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 8th of the 5th month 1705 ℘ me John Anthony Town cleerke

[**238**] At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Ports[ ] on their Election day the first of the 4th 1696 month at the house [ ] William Cory

voted Giles Slocum Chosen moderator
voted John Anthony Chosen Town Clerke Engaged

voted George Sisson
John Ward
George Lawton
Benjamin Hall
Jacob mott
and Daniel Lawton
are chosen to serve on the Town Councell

voted John Anthony chosen Town Treasurer Engaged
voted John Tripp chosen Town Serjeant Engaged

voted Samuel Shearman
Thomas Durfee Junr
and matthew Borden
are chosen constables Engaged in his Room was chosen Thomas Cornell Junr Engaged

voted Thomas Scranton of Prudance Island chosen constable Engaged

voted William Earll
John Tripp
John Anthony
and James Akin
are chosen veiwers

voted John Tripp shall have fifty Shillings in or as money paid unto him by the Town Treasurer for his Last years service in being Town serjeant
voted John Anthony shall have Twenty shillings in or as money paid unto him by the Town Treasurer for his Last years Service in being Town Cleerke
voted this meeting is dissolved

The Ear marke of the Cattel of John Sanford Son of Samuel Sanford is A halfpenney under Each Ear

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Preserved ffish is A Crop on Each Eare and A halfpenny under Each Eare it being fformerly Ralph Cowlands Eare marke Entred and Recorded the 4th of the first month 1699/700 ℘ me John Anthony Town cleerke

The Eare marke of the Cattel of Joseph morey is A ffork on the Left Ear and two halfpenneys before the Right Entred the first day of the 4th month : 1700 : ℘ me John Anthony Town cleerke

the Eare marke of the Cattel of William Durfee is A Crop on the Right Ear and A Slit in the Same And two halfpeneys before the Left Ear and one halfpeney behind the Same

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Samson shearman is A foregad on the Left Ear and A halfpenny before the Same Entred and Recorded the 19th of the 11th month 170½ ꝑ me John Anthony
Town Cleerke

[239] The 5 day of march 16$\frac{85}{85}$
wee Twelve men whose names are hereunto Subscribed being Chosen and Ingaged on the Coroners Inquest to make Inquiry how one Edward Thornes came by his Death who Dyed suddenly at the house of James sweet Junior of Prudence Island the 5th day of this Instant march And so According to our Ingagement wee have made Search And find that some time before he was not well and Drinking ouer much Rum was the Cause of his Death

Robert Hodgson fore man
Gidion ffreeborne
Stephen manchester
John Recks
matthew Grinnell
Henry ffinch
Jacob mott
Thomas Briges
John Pearce senr
John Slade
John manchester
John Coggeshall

Elisabeth hall*

* "Elisabeth hall" is written in later style of handwriting.

The Ear marke of the cattel of Joseph Sheffield is A Crop on the Right Ear and A halfpeney under the same with A hingad on the Left Ear it being fformerly his ffather Ichabod Sheffields Ear marke

The Ear marke of the cattel of John Dexter is A hindgad on the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 11th of the 2d month 1702 ℘ me John Anthony Town Cleerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Samuel mott is A Crop on the Left Ear and A Slit in the Same with a halfpeney under the same it being formerly his uncle Gershom mott deceased Earmark Entred and Recorded the 1[0]th day of the 3d month 1703 ℘ me John Anthony Town cleerke

The Ear marke of the cattel of William Sanford is A fforegad on ye left Ear and A halfpenny under the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the ffirst day of the 7th month: 1703: ℘ me John Anthony Town Cleerke

Renounced pr Wm Sanford*

[240] Wee whose names are under written being by vertue of [ ] warrant under the hand of major John Albro Assistant a[ ] Corroner Required and Engaged to view the body of an Indi[ ] who on the 13th of this instant month January was found Dead in or near the clay pitt field lands in the Town of Portsmouth on Rhode Island in his majties Collony of Rhode Island and providence Plantations, Said Indian as wee are informed was called by the Indians Pawkanawcutt by the English symon and wee haveing viwed the Corps of the Said Indian, and being informed that on the 12th day of this instant neer the Eveninge the Said Indian was much distempered with drinke

*This line is in a later style of handwriting.

Wee to the best of our understanding have Returned this for our verdict in the premises.
That the Said Indian being much distempered with Drink was bewildred, and by the Extreamity of the Cold Lost his Life the Said twelfth of day this Instant in the night:
witness our hands the fourteenth of January 1684/5

John Sanford foreman
John Anthony
Stephen Brayton
The N marke
John northway
John Tripp
John Keese
Philip Cumming
Benjamin Ingell
morris ffreelove
his marke
Thomas Durfee
William W Shearman
his marke
Daniel Eaton

[**241**] [ ]ee whose names are here unto subscribed being warned [ ]y Joseph cooke cunstable of Portsmouth this 25th of August 1692: by vartue of A warrant derived from Athority to Judge of A corps Chast upon Dieres Island soe called and having made dilligent inquiry into the matter doe find that it is that Woman that was nicholas Evines Wife of ffree Towne who coming from prudance in A Coonow with nicholas Howland. by misfortune was Drowned by Stress of wether the: 11: day of August in the year of our Lord God: 1692

Christopher Almy
Iaac Lawton
samson shearman
Joseph Sheffield
William Duncan
Ichabod Sheffield Jun[r]
Daniel ffish
nathaniel Potter
Lazarus Tilar
Jacob mott

Wee hose names whoe are under written being Ingaged according to Law to Inquire into the death of A man found in Portsmouth We Think he may be Drouned
Portsmouth July the 6th 1696

Gedion ffreborne
Jacob mott
Benjamin hall
James Tallman
William Cory
William Arnold
John manchester
Richard Heart
Edward Brigg
Roger his) Brally mark
Thomas manchester
William Wodell

may the ninth day 1697
wee whose names are here under written being called upon the coroners Inquest for to inquire into the death of An Indian Squaw which being found upon the Shore neare the house of William [D]urfie we do find by the best of our intilligence and according to the best of our understandings we find that She was drownded and that water was the cause of her death

Peleg Shearman
William Cory
Robert Bennet
Benjamin Shearman
Benjamin Potter
John Earll
Zuriel X hall
his marke

John Keese
George Thomas
Ichabod Sheffield Jun[r]
Joseph Anthony
othniel Tripp

[242]

Be it knowen to all men by these presents that I Th[ ] Slow of Roade Iland in the Nannigansets Bay in n[ ]land for and upon good consideration mouing me here un[ ] sould unto Thomas Laiton of Roade Iland in the aforesaid [ ] my house at Road Iland (in the aforesayed Bay together w[ ] all my land there unto adjoyning with the apurtenances, [ ] land beinge about threscore ackers some fenced and other som[ ] unfenced all of it next ajoyning to the land of the aforesayde Thomas Laiton all which land together with the house I doe acknowledg to be the lawfull right and true posession of the aforesayed thomas Laiton to haue and to hould the aforesayed house and land, and peaceably to posesse and enjoy the same for him his heiers and Assignes for euer as his and their true and lawfull right and Inheritance and that the sayed Thomas Laiton his heiers and Assignes shall freely and peaceably haue hould use and posesse and Inioy all the afore sayed House and lands without the lawfull lett troubl suit expulsion molestation or Contradiction of me the sayed Thomas Slow my heiers or Assignes. In wi[ ]nes of the true and lawfuull acting and sale therof I ha[ ] sett my hand and Seale hereunto this 4th of September in the yeare (1649)

Sealed and deliuered
in the presence of

The marke of
Thomas T Slow

Peter Greene
John Greene: Ju:

A true Copii per me Philip Shearman
Toune Clarke

put to Wm. Tallman 1788

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Jonahan Lawton is A Crop on Each Ear and A halfpeney under the Left Ear it being fformerly the Ear marke of William Anthony[s] Cattell son of Abraham Anthony Entred and Recorded the 17th of the 2d month 1706 ℘ me John Anthony Town Cleerke

put to Stephen Slocum, 1790

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Giles Slocum is A hindgad of the Right Ear and A halfpenney under the Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 15 of the 3d month 1706 ℘ me John Anthony Towne cleerke

The Ear mark of the Cattel of John Slocum is A Crop on the Right Ear with A halfpenney on Each Side the Same And a hindgad on the Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 22d of the 5th month 1706 ℘ me John Anthony Town Cleerke

[243] [ ]ortsmouth on Rhode Is the 18th of September 1683

[ ]ee whose names are under Subscribed beinge by major John [ ]bro Assistant and Corroner appointed and Engaged the [ ]rroners Inquest on the Body of a man who was found Dead in [ ]he Land belonginge to John Potter in Said Portsmouth, and hanging by the head by a linin lact neckcloth, fastened to the bough or branch of A Cherry tree and he is said to be Called by name John Crage, a scotsman and a Tayler by Trade, Wee according to our Engagement haveinge Seariously viewed the Corps, and the manner of its hanginge with the Lower part of his body and his hands on the ground accordinge to the best of our understandings of the premisses and what information wee haue had: Wee Returne our verdict thereon, unto the said Corroner major John Albro, viz. That Wee doe not finde, but that the Said man Said to be named John Crage, was absolutly the only actor of his owne Death, Witness our hands the day and yeare above written

John Sanford foreman
William Wodell
Peter Talman
ffrancis his marke Brayton

Thomas ffish
William Coggeshall
John Anthony
Stephen Brayton

Thomas his marke manchester jun^r
Thomas Gatchell
John his marke yates
John northaway his marke

The above written is a True
Copy of the originall Entered and
Reorded the 3^d of the 4th moneth
1684 ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerke

you being of this Corroners Inquest for our Soverreyne Lord the Kinge you Shall well and truly make deillegent Inquire how and in what manner A Indian hoo is found deead in the Towne of Portsmouth on Rodeh Island Came to his death and make A trve Retiurn of your vardit theron unto the Corrone[ ] and this ingagement you make and give upon the penalty of perjury August ye 16th 1684. upon Andian Lad of widow fish he being found dead in ye woods in portsmouth ye Juries verdict is wee find according to the best of our Judgments that he murdred him Selfe being found upon the ground with a walnut pealling hanging over him upon A lim of A tree

John Coggeshall fore man	Samson sharman	Richard Cadman
Anthony Shawe	Samuell shearman	Stephen manchester
Georg Sison	Joseph sheffield	John Cook
Benjamin Shearman	gyles Slocum	Stephen Cornell

the above written is a true copy of the originall Entered and Recorded the 15th of the 11th month 1684 ℘ me John Anthony Town Clerk

[244] This present deede bareinge date this first day of the [ ] of march in the yeare of our lorde sixtene hundreth fortie

n[ ] witnesseth that I Nicholas Browne of the towne of Ports[ ] in Roade Iland for a valuabl Consideration in hand receiued haue bargained and sould unto John Woode Senior of the same towne and place, a parcell of land granted to me by the towne, being fortiefiue ackers more or lesse lyinge within the bound[ ] of Portsmouth neer Nuport line bounded on the East with a, parcell of Thomas Lawtons lande, togeether with my house there on, and all other priuiledges thereunto belonging I the aforesayd Nicholas doe for my selfe my heiers exsequetors or administrators resigne up all my rite title and Interest in every parte and parcell of the forenamed bargained premises unto the aforenamed John Woode his he[ ] administrators or assignes for euer, so that neither I myse[ ] nor any other by or from mee. shall Claime any rite title or interest in any parte or parcell of the bargained premises in witness here of I haue hereto sett my hand and seale the day and date aboue written.

Nicholas Brown his mark

Signed Sealed and deliuered:
in the presence of
Philip Shearman
Heber shearman
Sara Sharman

A True Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman Towne Clarke

[245] [ ] Portsmouth on Road Island in the Colony of Road Island and Providence [ ]lantations in New England the ninth day of ffebruary in the year of the Lord 16$\frac{80}{81}$ morris ffreelove did Take Elizabeth Daughter of Samuell Wilbur of Said Portsmouth to Wife: And They the said morris and Elizabeth were then and there according to Law Joyned together in marriage ꝑ mee John Albro asistant

Entered and Recorded the 30th of the 6th moneth 1681 ꝑ John Anthony Town Clerke

In Portsmouth on Road Island in the Colony of Road Island and Providence Plantations in New england, The Twenty-third day of ffebruary in the year of the Lord 16$\frac{80}{81}$ Samuel Shearman Son of Philip Shearman of Portsmouth aforesaid; did Take martha Daughter of John Tripp of Said Portsmouth to Wife; And They the Said Samuel and martha were then and there according to Law Joyned together in marrige ℘ me John Albro Asistant Entred and Recorded the 30th of the 6th moneth ℘ John Anthony Town Clerke

In Portsmouth on Road Island in the Colony of Road Island and Providenc[ ] Plantations in New England, The twelfth day of may in the year of the Lord 1681. William Shearman of Portsmouth aforesaid Son of Peleg Shearman Late of Said Portsmouth Did Take martha Daughter of William Wilbur of the Said Portsmouth to Wife: And They the said William Shearman and the Said martha were then and there according to Law Joyned together in marriage ℘ me John Albro Asistant Entered and Recorded the 30th of the 6th moneth 1681 ℘ John Anthony Towne Clerke

In Portsmouth on Road Island in the Colony of Road Island and Providence Plantations in New England the Sixteenth Day of ffebruary in the year of the Lord 16$\frac{80}{81}$ Robert Lawton Son of George Lawton of Portsmouth aforesaid Did Take mary Daughter of Garshom Wodell of Said portsmouth to Wife And they the Said Robert and mary were then and there according to Law Joyned together in marriage ℘ me George Lawton Asistant Entered and Recorded the 20th of the 9th moneth 1681 ℘ John Anthony Town Clerke

In Portsmouth on Road Island in the Colony of Road Island and providence Plantations in New England the nineteenth Day of

January in the year of the Lord 168½ James Tripp Son of John Tripp of Portsmouth Aforesaid Did Take Mercy Daughter of George Lawton of Said portsmouth to Wife: And they the Said James and Mercy were then and there according to Law Joyned together in marriage ℘ me George Lawton Asistant
Entered and Recorded the 25th of the 1st moneth 1682 ℘ me
John Anthony Town Clerke

[246] memorandom in Portsmouth on Roadh Island in the C[ ] of Roadh Island and Providence Plantations in New Engl[ ] And in the yere of our Lord: 1682: on the .4. day of April Benjamin Engell ded take to wife widow mary Tripp: and then and there the Said Benjamin and mary where according to Law joynned together in marige by me John Albro Asistant
Entered and Recorded the 22th of the 2d moneth 1682: ℘ me
John Anthony Town Clerke

In Portsmouth on Road Island in ye Colony of Road Island and Providence plantations in New England, the fifth Day of march—in the year of the Lord one Thousand Six hundred Eighty two Jonathan Gatchell Late of marble-head in the masathusets Colony in Said new England, Did Take to Wife mary Wodell of Portsmouth aforesaid, Widow and Relict of the Deceased Gershom Wodell of Said Portsmouth; And they the Said Jonathan and mary were then and there according to Law Joyned together in marriage ℘ me Wm Cadman Asistant
Entered and Recorded the 13th of
the first moneth 1682 ℘ me
John Anthony Town Clerke

The time when John Anthony was married to ffrances Wodell was in the year of the Lord 1669 November the 23th

The time of the birth of the Said John Anthonys Chilldren
John Anthony was Borne the: 28th of June in the year: 1671:
Joseph Anthony was Borne the: 28th of october in the year: 1673:
William Anthony was Borne the 18th of July in the year: 1676:
Susanna Anthony was Borne the first day of January: 167⅘
mary Anthony was Borne the: 16th of June in the year: 1681:
Sarah Anthony was Borne the first day of october in the year: 1683

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Preserved Brayton is A crop on the Right Ear and A halfpeney before the Same it being his ffather Stephen Brayton's Ear mark formerly Entred and Recorded the first day of the 2d month 1707 ℘ me John Anthony Town Cleerke

The Eare mark of the cattell of nathaniel Hoult is A hole in the Left Ear and A Slit on Each Side the Same Entred upon Record the 17th of the fifth month 1707 ℘ me John Anthony Town cleerk it being fformerly old John Stranges Earmark Deceased

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Isaac Lawton Son of Isaac is Two Slits under the the Left Ear and A halfpenney under the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 21st of the 2d month 1708 ℘ me John Anthony Town Cleerke

The Ear mark of the Cattel of William Brightman is A hindgad on the Right Ear And A hole in the Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 24th of the 12th month 170⅘ ℘ me John Anthony Town Cleerke

[247] Bee it knowne unto all men by thease ℘sents that I Samuel Gorton of the towne of Warwick in the ℘vince of ℘vidence Plantations for & in Consideration of a valuabl some to me in hand payed, haue sould assigned and sett ouer unto

Philip Shearman of Portsmouth in Road Iland a parcell of land lying in Portsmouth aforesayd, by estimation seuen acres more or lesse beinge bounded on either side with the land of the sayd Philip and wth the Common at either end together with all the buildings that are thereon & the fences therto belonginge, together wth a parcell of medow by estimation twoo acres more or lesse lyinge in the sayd Portsmouth bounded on the North with a parcell of Medowe Granted unto Randall Houlden by the towne of Portsmoth aforesayed, and on the west, South and East by the Hye way that goeth downe to the Cricke together with all my right in a parcell of moweing lande layed out to me upon Hogg Iland I the aforesayed Samuel doe Confirme unto the aforesayed Philip his heiers and assignes all my Right title & interest in euey parte and parcell of the forenamed barganed Premises, so as that neither I nor my heiers nor assignes, nor any other person shall Claime by or from me any Right title or interest thear in or in any part theare of, in wittness thearof I haue hereto sett my hand and Seale this twenty eight of August Ano (i650)

Sealed & deliuered in the ꝑsents of Richard moris Samuell Gorton

Samuel Gorton

A true Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman towne Clarke

Portsmouth on Rhode Island Decembe 11th 1709

Giles Slocum Assistant being Crowner

Wee whose names Are under written being warned upon the Jury of this Grand Inquest of the Deceased parsen of mary Southwick by name She being A crazheded Woman we ffinding nothin to the Contrary but that She wandred ffrom home and perished with Cold whereas wee all Sett our hands unto this verdit

Bartholomew Hunt	Joseph martin
Thomas Brayton	Adam Hunt
Philip Shearman	Thomas Cooke
Benjamin Lawton	John Shreife Junr
John vaughan	William Philips Junr
Richard Thomas	Ezekiell Cooley

[248] William Hall the Son of William Hall was Born the 9th day of Decemb[ ] in the year of the Lord 1672:
Abigail Hall was born the 20th day of December in the year 1677
mary Hall was born the 24th day of September in the year: 1679
John Hall was born the 2^{d} day of July in the year : 1681
Deliveranc Hall was born the 8 day of January in the year 1683

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the [7] of the 4th month 1697 on their Election Day at the house of William cory

voted Joseph Sheffield chosen moderator
voted John Anthony Chosen Town Cleerke Engaged

voted George Sisson Engaged
George Lawton Engaged
John Ward Engaged
are chosen to serve on the Town Counsell
Benjamin Hall Engaged
Latham Clark Engaged
Daniel Lawton

voted John Anthony Chosen Town Treasurer Engaged
voted John Tripp Chosen Town Serjeant Engaged

voted Thomas Durfee Senr Engaged
are chosen constables
William Burrington Engaged
and John Sanford Son of John Sanford Deceased Engaged

voted Daniell Pears of Prudence Island chosen constable

voted Thomas Durfee Senr } are chosen veiwers to veiw
John Borden and James Akin } Cattle according to former order

voted John Tripp Shall have Three pounds paid unto him in or as money for his Last years Service in being Town Serjeant by the Town Treasurer

voted John Anthony Shall have Twenty Shillings paid unto him in or as money for his Last years Service in being Town Cleerke by the Town Treasurer

voted their Shall be An Audit Chosen to Audit the Town Treasurers account

voted Giles Slocum Latham Clarke George Brownel and George Lawton they or the major part of them are Chosen to Audit the Said account and make Returne thereof to the Town

voted This meeting is Dissolved

The Ear marke of the Cattell of Benjamin Lawton is two nicks under the Left Ear and A hindgad on the Right Ear: it being fformerly his Brother Isaac Lawtons Ear marke Entred and Recorded the 4th of the 3^{d} month: 1710:

℘^{r} me John Anthony Town Cleerke

The Ear marke of the Cattell of Daniel Coggeshall is A hole in the Left Ear And A Slit in the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 9th of the 3^{d} month 1710 ℘^{r} me John Anthony Town Cleerke

The Ear marke of the Cattell of Job Lawton Son of Isaac is A halfpeny under Each Ear Entred and Recorded the first of the 2^{d} month 1714

℘^{r} me John Anthony Town Cleerk

the Ear mark of the abovesaid Job Lawtons Cattle is altered by Reason he marked of the same Ear mark of John Sanford Son of Sam^{ll} Sanford

[249] Bee it knowne to all men that I Adam mott Senior of the Towne of Portsmouth or within the liberties there of haue bargained & sould vnto m^r John Sanford of the same towne of Portsmouth in Roade Iland: both ffree men of the place: in this present yeare 1652 beinge the third day of September: I say that I Adam mott doe sell & deliuer and giue for euer full possession as his owne: to him his heiers excect Asignes or administrators ffull power to possesse & inioy: a peice of meddow layd out for thre Accors more or less Butted of the fore sid to the lane or hye way goinge from the towne on the south side towards Captayn Richard morris & the other end it Butts against the Crick between m^r Sanfords meddow Called that meddow beneth y^t place of ground Called Mackpela: also the one side towardes the towne Joynes to m^r Balstons medow sumtimes m^r Spicers: and the other side lyes against that meddow y^t was Called m^r Samuell Hutchinsons wch the Same m^r John Sanford now useth: I say that in Consideration of ten pounds of Current pay y^t is to say fiue pound of Current silver Current money wth the Marchant: & ffiue pound in Current wampom well strunge & good such as is Current wth the marchant and the peage to bee payd at 8 peags pr peny: or els my wiffe to receaue a ewe lambe: that she shall better acsept or as well as peage 8 pr peny: which if shee doe I am Content to receaue the ffiue pound of wampom at six peages pr peny and fully Concluded a full and free bargain to him and his for ever as is aboue written in wittness I haue putt and sett my hand and seale dated as aboue written

Adam mott

A true Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman towne Clarke

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 21st of the 3^d month 1697 at the house of William cory

voted Joseph Sheffield cosen moderator

voted Robert ffish is Chosen pound Keeper and to have the ffee thereunto belonging

voted this meeting is dissolved

The Ear mark of the Cattel of John Keese is A Crop on the Left Ear And A Slitt in the Same Entred And Recorded the 2d of the 7th month 1714 ꝑr me John Anthony Town Cleerke

[250] At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth At the hou[ ]e of William Cory the 16th of the 2d month 1697

voted Joseph Sheffield Chosen moderator

voted George Lawton
John Borden
Benjamin Hall
and Thomas Durfee Junr
are Chosen Deputies to attend the next Generall Assembly and Election to be held at newport

voted Caleb Arnold Junr is Admitted A freeman in this Town
voted John Coggeshall Junr is Admitted A ffreeman in this Town
voted Christopher Almy Junr is Admitted A ffreeman in this Town
voted William Wanton is Admitted A ffreeman in this Town
voted Benjamin Potter is Admitted A ffreeman in this Town
voted Thomas Shearman is Admitted A ffreeman in this Town
voted major John Albro Shall have Twenty Shillings in money paid unto him by the Town Treasurer for his going to Boston with John Borden
voted and it is ordered that Every housholder in this Town of Portsmouth Shall Kill Twelve blackburds between this and the Tenth of may next after this meeting and bring in their heds to Some men hereafter Appointed upon the forfiture of the Sum of two Shillings for the neglect and not Killing as aforesaid to be paid into this Towns Treasuree and that Every housholder that doth Kill more then Twelve and Carry them in as aforesaid Shall A penny a head paid him by the Treasurer And if any person or persons Shall neglect or Refuse to perform as abovesaid then upon Complant of any of the persons hereafter named unto any of the Assistant he Shall forthwith grant A warrant to A Constable to disstrain upon the Estates of the person or persons So

Refuseing or neglecting And make Returne therof to the Town Treasurer

voted Thomas Cornell Junr Capt Christopher Almy m^{r} Isaac Lawton Lift William Cory and John coggeshall Junr are Appointed to Receive the Severall numbers as abovesaid and make Returne thereof and of the Severall neglects unto the Assistants of this Town at the time abovesaid

voted This meeting is Dissolved

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Joshua Coggeshall Son of Joshua Coggeshall fformerly of Portsmouth Deceased is A Crop on Each Ear it being fformerly his Grandffather^{s} and his ffather^{s} Ear mark of their Catell Entred and Recorded the 21st of the 8th month 1710 ꝑ^{r} me John Anthony Town Cleerke

[**251**] October the 6 . 1642 . knowe all men by these p^{r}sents that I John Porter of Portsmouth haue sould & past ouer vnto John Sandford of the same towne, all my ꝑ^{t} of the land in the Calues Paster in Consideration of land at long Midow: being fully satisfied, In witnes wherof I haue setto my hand the day & year aboue writt: John Porter

a true Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman towne Clarke

Know all men by this presence that I Adam Mott Senior of the towne of Portsmoth haue sould to m^{r} John Sanford of the same towne my part in the Calues paster lying between his howse and the Claypitt ffeild for the som of twenty shillings and all the Right intrust & Clayme or Power I had in it I haue ffully and freely Resigned to him his heiers Assignes to injoy for ever, written vnder my hand this present day beinge the 10 of Aprill, 1651 I say by me Adam mott

a true Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman towne Clarke

These may tistifi to al whome it may concerne that I George Parker of Portsmouth on Road Iland doe by these presents for

ffull satisfaction alredy receiued in hand make over sell & deliuer vnto m^rs Bridgitt Sanford of Portsmouth aforesaid all my land that lie in the Calfes paster, wch Calfes paster lies Betwixt hir orchard & the Clay pitt feild: & doe by these ꝑsents disclaime any or all my Right & titl in the aboue sd land & do rattifie & confirme the abou sd Bridgett Sanford in full & quiatt Joyment of the saied land to hir selfe hir heiers excequ[ ]tors & administrators for euer In testimonie of this my act & deed I doe heere unto Settoo my hand & Seale in Portsmouth on Roade Iland this 25th of ffebrewary 1653 George Parker

Signed Sealed & deliuered
In the ꝑsents of
John Sanford
Samuel Sanford

[252]

This Indenture Witnesseth that I Samuell Wilbore of Taunton have Barguaned & sould unto John Sandford of Road Iland his heiers or assigns one peice of Meddo land Containinge by Estimation six Acrs more or lesse sittuated in the towne of Portsmoth in the aforesayed Iland adioyninge upon the land of the sayed John Sanford upon the Northwest & Samuel HuChinsons land upon the southeast & also one Neck of land abutting upon the Cove against the sayed John Sanfords house & Samuel huchinsons with all my right & preveledg of Common theare unto belonginge for & in Consideration of six ewe sheep all redy received and more to be paid by a bill under the sayed John Sandfords hand payable at St Michaell next Ensuinge the date here of have Given & granted for & from my selfe & heiers under my hand & seale this Eight day of November (1648)

Sealed & delivered and Possesion Samuel
Given in the presents of Wilbore
Richard smith
ffrancis Mattingley

A True Copii of the originall ꝑ me
Phillip Shearman Towne Clarke

Wm Sanford Renounced pr Wm Sanford

The Earmark of the Cattell of William Sanford is a fore-gad on the left Ear, & a halfpenny under the Right Ear, Recorded ye first day of ye 7th month 1703. by John Anthony Town Clerk and Transcribed ꝑr Wm Sanford Clerk

Job Lawton

The Earmark of the Cattel of Job Lawton is a half penny and a half penny before the Right added the 31st of august 1722 pr Wm Sanford under the near or left Ear, Recorded pr Wm Sanford Clerk ye 16 of may 1717

Robt Lawton

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Robert Lawton is a halfpenny under Each ear and a fork in the Right Ear, Recorded the 7th of June 1717 ꝑr Wm Sanford Clerk

[253] Aprill the 2d day 1705
A man being ffound Dead in Portsmouth on Rhode Island up on the shore Against the Land of George Brownells upon which Tidings Benjamin Hall Crowner Did forthwith Issue forth his warrant to the constable And Impanneled A Jury of 12 men whose Judgment is as followeth that he was An Indian man Accidentialy Drowned, of Short Stature with A whitish Jacket on his body the Lower part naked A blackish Stocking on one Leg And A whitish Stockin on the other: In Witness whereof we of the Jury or Inquest have here unto Subscribed our names
John Borden foreman
George Brownell
William Potter
William Anthony
William Burrington Junr
William Hall
Gidion ffreeborne Junr
Thomas ffish
John Earll
Edward Addams
Thomas Brayton
oliver Arnold

The above written Return of the above named Jury of Inquest was Taken according to Law on the day and year above written before mee Benjamin Hall Coroner

Wee the Subers[scri] being of the Coroners Inquest or Jury Required to view the body of Richard Tripp of the Townd of Portsmouth to see how he Came by his End: And wee having Diligently viewed and searched the Said body do find as it Evidently Appears that he was Accidently Drownded on Sonday the 28th of December: 1712:

William Potter	Robert ffish Junr
Benjamin Hall Junr	William manchester
oliver Arnold	Roger Burington
John Earll	John Hefferlon
Ephraim Andass	
nathaniel Hall	
William Bradway	
Thomas Bordin	

Benjª Tallman. The Ear mark of the Cattel of Benjamin Tallman is a fork on the Near or left ear, a Slit in the Right Ear and a halfpenny before the Right Recorded the 14th of April 1718 ℘r Wm Sanford Clerk.

Wm Fish. The Ear mark of the Cattel of William Fish is a Crop on the near Ear and a half penny before the Same, and a flower deluce on the Right ear. Recorded the 22d of May 1718

℘r Wm Sanford Clerk.

[**254**] Be it knowne unto all men by thease ℘sents that I Thomas Lawton of Portsmouth in Roade Iland, for a valuabl Consideration by me received, haue soulde unto William Wodell of Portsmouth aforesayd, a Certaine ℘cell of lande Cittuate and lyinge in Portsmouth in Roade Iland, Containinge fiftie Ackers

more or lesse lyinge on the North syde of George Lawton his lande, and on the South syde of the lande of Richard Haukins, I the aforesayed Thomas haue sould unto the afore sayed William his heiers Eeecutors administrators or assignes all my Right title and interest in the afore sayed land, to haue and to hould with out any molestation, from me the aforesayd Thomas lawton my heiers or assignes, in wittnes whereof I the aforesayed Thomas Lawton haue sett to my hand and seale this 4th of August (i653)

Signed Sealed and deliuered in the ꝑsence of
Philip Shearman
Samuell wilbur

Thomas T Lawton
his marke

A true Copii of the originall deede
ꝑ me Philip Shearman Towne Clarke

The Ear mark of the Cattel of James Strainge is a Slit on the fore part of the Right ear, Recorded the 22d of April 1719 pr Wm Sanford Town Clerk it being the Mark formerly given by old Lott Strainge. Now renounced

The Ear mark of the Cattel of John Manchester is a Crop on the left ear and a Nick under the Same, and three Nicks under the Right Ear Recorded the 27 of August 1722.

pr Wm Sanford Town Clerk.

put to John Allen of Rowland 1816

[Jeph Ward

[255] The Ear mark of the Cattle of Joseph Ward is a Crop on the right ear and a half-penney under the left ear being the ear mark of his father's Cattel of 33 years Standing and now Recorded the 5th day of June 1721 ꝑr Wm Sanford Town Clerk up held by his Grandson Joseph Ward. And it is the Ear mark of his Creatures. Recorded the 25th day of June 1787 pr A. Anthony

Job Lawton

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Job Lawton is a halfpenney under the left ear and a halfpenny before the right

put to Henry Lawton put to Henry Lawton 1788

Recorded the 31st of August 1722. pr Wm Sanford Town Clerk This being the 3d Ear mark given by sd Lawton the other marks being by him renounced.

Attest W Sanford Town Clerk

James Sisson

The Ear mark of the Cattle of James Sisson is a fork on the Right Ear and a hine gad on the left It being the Ear mark given by his father (the late deceased) George Sisson in the year 1673, May ye 30th and Transcribed for the abovesd James Sisson the 17th of September Anno Domini 1722

℘ Wm Sanford Town Clerk

Thos Lawton

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Thomas Lawton (Son of Adam) is a halfpenny before the left ear Recorded the 24th of December 1722 ℘r Wm Sanford Clerk

iiel Howland

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Daniel Howland is a Slit down the right Ear and a hingad on the left, of about Six years Standing & Entred on Record the 10th of December 1722

pr Wm Sanford Town Clerk.

n Coggeshall

The Ear mark of the Cattel of John Coggeshall is a half penny under the Right Ear Entred on Record the 2d of May 1723

pr Wm Sanford To Clerk

seph Lawton Son of Joseph

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Joseph Lawton is two nicks on the left Ear and a fork on the Right Ear
Recorded the 27th of November 1726.

℘r Wm Sanford Town Clerk

[256] Be it knowne unto all men by thease ℘sents that I William Wodell of Portsmouth in Roade Ilande, for a ualuable Consideration by mee receiued, haue soulde unto Thomas lawton of Portsmouth aforesayed, a certaine ℘cell of lande Cittuate and lyinge in Portsmouth in Roade Ilande adJoyninge to the lande

of the aforesayd Thomas lawton by a swampe Called the huntinge swampe, Conteininge thirtie ackers more or lesse, I the aforesayed William haue sould unto the aforesayed Thomas, his heiers Executors administrators or assignes all my right title and Interest in the aforesayed land, togeether with all my right and Interest in that land and orchyarde formerly Possest by me the sayd William, lyinge betweene the land of George Lawton and the lande of the aforesayed Thomas Lawton, to haue and to hould without any molestation, from me the aforesayed William my heiers or Assignes. in Wittnesse whereof I the aforesayed William haue sett to my hand and seale this 4th of August (1653)

Signed Sealed and deliuered in the ℘sence of — william Woddell

Philip Shearman
Samuell wilbur

A true Copii of the originall deede
℘ me Philip Shearman Towne Clarke

B ; B — The Ear mark of the Cattel of George Cornell Son of Thomas Decd is a half penny under the Right ear & a half penny before the left ear Recorded the 9th of May 1729

℘r Wm Sanford Town Clerk.

The above mark is put to Benja Brown 1789

W Brown — [**257**] The Ear mark of the Cattle of William Brown and partners is a crop on the right ear Recorded ye 13th 3d mo 1728

pr Wm Sanford Town Clerk

Wm Sanford — Whereas the Ear mark of the Cattle of William Sanford was so near like the Ear mark of the Cattle of Job Shearman, therefore the Said Sanford hath Renounced his said former Ear mark and gives only a halfpenny under the near or left Ear which is the proper Ear mark of the Cattle of the Said William Sanford Recorded the 10th of ye 3d mo called May 1728

℘r Wm Sanford Town Clerk.

Nathll Hall

The are mark of the Cattle of Nathaniel Hall is a Crop on the right ear and a flower-deluce on the left or near ear. Recorded pr order the 9th day of the 12th month called February 1729 by Wm Sanford Town Clerk

Wm Cook put to Job Anthony 1808

The Ear mark of the Cattle of William Cook is a fork or Swallows tail on each Ear Recorded ye 3d of April 1730
pr Wm Sanford Town Clerk

Gidn Cornell

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Gideon Cornell is a helfpenny under the Near or left Ear Recorded the Sixteenth of April 1730 ꝑr Wm Sanford Town Clerk

ames Strange

The Ear mark of the Cattle of James Strange is a hinegad on each Ear Recorded ye 15th of May 1730.
pr Wm Sanford Town Clerk

Daniel Fish

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Daniel Fish is a Crop on the Right Ear & a halfpenny before the Same & a flowerdeluce on the left Recorded ye 7th of June 1731. pr W Sanford T. Clr
It being the Ear mark given by his father }
Robert Fish of Portsmouth late Deceased. }
and now the Same Ear mark is taken up by David Fish Son of the abovenamed Robert Fish & Recorded April 1740 ꝑ Wm Sanford Town Clerk

[**258**] These may testifie to all to whom it may Concerne that I William Baulston of Portsmouth in Roade Iland doe by these presents for full satisfaction all reddy receiued in hand make ouer sell and deliuer vnto mistris Bridgitt Sanford of Portsmouth aforesayed my one sheare of land lying in the Calfes paster and also fower shears more that was formerly in the possession by a towne grant unto mr Thomas Cornell mr Thomas spiser william ffreeborne & Richard Magson wch I the sayd william bought of

the parties aboue named and nowe doe by these presents disclaime any or all my Right and titl in thee aboue named land, and doe Rattifie and Confirme the aboue sayd Bridgett Sanford in full and quiet Inioyment of all & euery of these seuerall sheares to hir selfe her heiers exsequitors & administrators for euer from my selfe my heiers or any of the abouenamed parties the wch Calfes paster lyes betwixt the Oorchard of Bridgit Sanford and the Claypitt feild in testimony hereof I doe sett unto my hand in Portsmouth on Road Iland this third day of June (i654)

William Baulston

Signed in the presents of us
Thomas Cornell
Richard Smith
a true Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman towne Clarke

Eben: Shearman

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Ebenezer Shearman is a hinegad on the near or left ear Recorded the 14th of June A. D. 1734

ꝑ Wm Sanford Town Clerk.

David Fish

The Ear mark of the Cattle of David Fish is a foregad on the near Ear & a halfpenny under the Right Ear Entred on Record the 2^d day of November A. D. 1736

ꝑ Wm Sanford Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Daniel Lawton Son of Jeremiah is two nicks under the left ear and two nicks before the Right ear Entred on Record ye 17th day of May A. D. 1737

ꝑ Wm Sanford Town Clerk.

[**259**] The Earmark of the Cattle of Adam Hunt is a Crop on the near or left ear and a Slit in the Same and also a Slit in the Right Ear Recorded ye 2^d day of March A. D. 1736/7

ꝑ Wm Sanford Town Clerk.

{ put to Humphrey Chase }

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Nathan Chase is a foregad on the Right ear Recorded ye 20th of July A. D. 1737

℘ Wm Sanford Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Benjamin Shearman is a Crop on the near Ear and a halfpenney under each Ear Recorded ye 10th of April A. D. 1738

℘ Wm Sanford Town Clerk

Abr^a Redwood

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Abraham Redwood is a Crop on ye Right Ear and a fork on the left ear Recorded ye 22^d day of May A. D. 1740

℘ Wm Sanford Town Clerk.

Barnet Sisson

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Barnet Sisson is a fork on the Right Ear & a hole in the left Eare Recorded the 7th of May 1742

℘ Wm Sanford Town Clerk.

Benj^a Lawton Junr

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Benjamin Lawton Junr is a hine gad on each Ear (it being the Ear mark given by James Strange and Submitted by s^d Strange to said Lawton) & Recorded June ye 1st A. D. 1743

℘ Wm Sanford Town Clerk.

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Joshua Sanford is a Crop on the Right Ear Entred on Record May the 22^d - - - } 1751

℘ Wm Sanford

[**260**] Bee it knowne to all men, to whom these presents shall Co[ ] that I Ralph Earll of Portsmouth on Roade-Iland in N[ ] England Senior, haue, and by these presents doe ffreely and fully giue, and make ouer unto my sonne william Earll all and euery ℘^t & ℘cell of a peice of land wch is Being[ ] bounded in the Toune of Portsmouth aforesayd as ffolloweth viz / by the lande or house lott of John Trippe on the Northside & by the

common or street on the East ℘ty, and by the Land or house-lott of Ralph Cowland on the South ℘ty, and by the Common on the west ℘ty: all wch sayd Land as afore bounded is or conteineth the ffull Quantity of Eighten ackers, be it more or lesse, and I the aforsayd Ralph Earll, doe by these presents giue and make ouer unto my foresayd sonne william, all ye aforesayd Land togeether with all the houseing, fences, trees and other Comodities, priuiledges, benefits, apurtenances, & Conveniences there upon being or there unto belonging for the use & lawfull possession & benefit of him the fore sayd Willi[ ] his heiers excecutors, administrators or Assignes even for euer: and for and to the confirmation of this my free, & Considerate Lawfull act and deed, I the afore named Ralph Earll doe here-unto put my hand & seale this 5th day of Aprill. Anno: (1655)

Signed Sealed and deliuered in the presens of — Ralph Earll

Benedict Arnold
w^m Lytherland:

A true Copii ℘ me Philip Shearman: Toune Clarke

put to Elizabeth Brightman widow of Wm May 15, 1809

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Thomas Manchester is a Crop on the Right Ear, and a piece Sloapt of from the hinder part of said Crop, and a Slit right down the middle of the left Ear with a halfpenny under the Same

Recorded October the 30th A D 1747

℘ Wm Sanford Town Clerk

It being the Ear mark hereto fore given by Thomas Brayton

[**261**] The Ear-mark of the Cattle of William Anthony is a Crop on the Right ear and a hole in each ear Recorded the 10th of May 1748 — p^r Wm Sanford Town Clerk

It being the Ear mark given by his father John Anthony & by him Recorded the 8th of the 4th month 1677.

put to Jonathan Anthony 1810

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Benjamin Tallman Junr is a fork on the left ear Recorded the 10th of May 1748
pr Wm Sanford Town Clerk
It being the Same Ear mark given
by his Grand-father Thomas Durfie the year not entred

put to George Sisson 2d in 1808

The Ear-mark of the Cattle of Peleg Shearman Junr is a hinegad on the left or near Ear Recorded May ye 13th 1748
℘ Wm Sanford Town Clerk

put to Saml. Sherman 1814

The Ear mark of the Cattle of John Shearman is a foregad on the left or near ear, Recorded May ye 14th 1748
pr Wm Sanford Town Clerk

put to Gardner Fish in 1809

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Benjamin Fish is a Crop on each ear and a halfpenny under each ear. Recorded May the 14th A D 1748 pr Wm Sanford Town Clerk
It being the Ear mark given by his father Preserved Fish.

The Earmark of the Cattle of Amie Shearman widow of the late deceased Job Shearman is a foregad on the left ear and a half-penny under each Ear (it being the Same mark given by the Said Job Shearman in his life time)
Recorded May ye 18th 1748 pr Wm Sanford Town Clerk

Put to Christopher Durfee

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Elizabeth Wyatt is a hole in the near or left Ear Recorded May ye 28th 1748
℘ Wm Sanford Town Clerk

put to Wm. Lawton Son of sd Robert in 1810

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Robert Lawton is a fork on the Right Ear and a halfpeny under the Same, Recorded June ye 8th A. D. 1748,
pr Wm Sanford Town Clerk. & is the Same

Ear mark given by his great Grand-father George Lawton in the year 1667 which was then of 26 years Standing & the Same Ear mark held by Succession to his Son Robert Lawton & from the Said Robert Lawton, by his Son George Lawton & from the Said George Lawton by his Son Robert Lawton first above named, being four Generations Successively

[262]

Roade Iland

May the 7th (1655) The Councell of the towne of Portsmouth being mett according to the law of the Collonie for the legall dissposing of the estate of John Wood deceast to those to whome it belongs, the deceast not haueing left, a will or testament, haue Chosen mr John Coggeshall Thomas Cornell Junior Jeames Badcock and william Hall to prise the landes buildings and fences and other apurtenances of the aforenamed deceast, who haue prised that which is in John woods hand at—45 pounds that which is in Thomas woods hand—20 pounds and that which is in the Widdows hands—50 pounds there being an Inuentory of the goods and Cattell taken by Thomas Cornell senior, John Roome Jeames Badcock Obadiah Holme John Gould and Edward Thurston at the request of the widdow and Children of the deceast: being presented to the Councell hath been avouched to bee a true Inuentory of the goods and Cattell of the deceast, and thereupon acsepted by us the Councell: amounting to the somm of sixteen pounds: mr William Balston being hedd officer of the toune, Richard Bordin John Roome John Brigs and Philip Shearman being of the Towne Councell doe disspose of the aforenamed estate as followeth: namely unto John wood that land that is in his present possession paying unto his Sister Manchester eight poundes fower pounds presently and fower poundes at the 29th day of September next after the date hereof, to bee payed according to the acompt of siluer pay: And unto Thomas

Wood. that land which was his fathers lying in Nuport by the farme of William weeden being forty ackers more or lesse, and that land which the widdow of the deceast liues upon tenn ackers of it presently to be deliuered in to the possession of William Wood and to bee layed out to him on that syde of the Brooke next Clement Weauer and [**263**] the brooke to bee the boundes at that Corner next the howse untill one Come to the swampe and then to runn as Richard Bordin and william: hall: shall see Conuenient who are apoynted to lay it out to the aforesayd william wood, this present Cropp of Corne which is growing upon partt of the sayd land being Exsepted and free libertie granted to the widdow of the deceast to take it of peaceabllie, and all the remainder of land nowe in the possession of the afforesayd widdow the foresayd tenn ackers exsepted, to bee inJoyed by the widdow during the terme of her life, paying unto George woode the eldest son of John wood deceast the somm of fower pounds according to the accompt of siluer pay, and paying unto the two younge Children of the deceast Susanna and Elizibeth: eight pounds apeice according to the accompt of siluer pay: at the age of sixteen years and after the decease of the aforesayd widow, thee aforenamed William wood to inJoy all that parcell of land nowe in his moother in laws possession paying the eight pounds apeice to the two youuge Children at the age apoynted if it Come in to the sayd williams possession by the death of his moother in law before thay Come to the age of sixteen years: and the Cattell and goods amounting by the Inuentory to the somm of sixteen pounds wee apoynt thee widdowe to inJoy to bringe up thee younge Children: It is Also ordered by thee aforenamed Councell that if either of the aforenamed young Children depart this life before the age of sixteen years then the legacie of thee deceast to bee paid unto the longer liuer of the sayd Children: It is also ordered by us the Councell aforenamed that Elizibeth wood the late wife of the deceast shalbee sole excecketrix, to see

the order of the Councell performed and the debts of the deceased payd: witness our hands the day and date aboue written

william Baulston

John L Briggs John R oome

Philip Shearman

[**264**] Know all men by these presents that I John Sanford of Portsmouth on Roade Iland haue receaued full Satisfac[ ] and payment of my Mother Brigit Sanford of the same Excequitrix to my ffather John Sanford deceased, all and euery legasy giuen and bequeathed to me by my fathers will and doe fully aquit and discharge my sayd mother for the same by these presents acknowledging I haue receiued from her by apoyntment of the overseers all particulers mentioned in the sayd will in testimony wherof I haue put to my hand and seale this 20 Nouēbr (1653) John Sanford

Witness Edward Hutchinson
Richard Bordin
Samuel Sanford
A true Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman Toun Clarke

Know all men by these presents tha I Samuel Sanford of Portsmouth on Road Iland haue receiued full satisfaction and payment of my mother Brigit Sanford of the same excequitri[ ] to my father John Sanford deceased all and euery legasy bequeathed to me by the will of my sayd father as well for what ꝑte I was to haue in the estate as also all other legasys what so euer and doe here by fully aquitt my sayd mother and discharge her renounceing any Claime right or intrest in any thing further then I haue alredy receaued acknowledging I haue receiued all from her by apoyntment of the ouerseers according to the will In testimony

wherof I haue put to my hand and Seale this twenty day of Nouember (1653) only in case of death of any of my yonger brothers the land at black poynte is to be diuided according to the will of my father] Samuel Sanford

Witness
Edward Hutchinson
Richard Bordin
John Sanford

A true Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman Toun Clarke

[**265**] Know all men by these pressents that I Bartho: Stretton of Boston In New. England Marrino^r Husband to Elifall Stretton formerly Elifall Sanford. Have Received of m^r W^m phillips of the Sayd Boston Now Husband vnto Briggett phillips fformerly Brigitt Sanford my Mother in law and Excecutrix unto m^r John Sanford Lately Deceassed all and Singuar the pertickulars given vnto the Sayd Elifall by her father John Sanford Deceassed as by apoyntment of the Overseers: And Doe by these pressents Acquitt and Discharge the Sayd W^m phillips or Brigitt his or their Executo^rs Administrators or Asignes for-Ever from the premises before Either Legusis one or other Wittnes my hand this 17th Octob^r: 1663

Signed Sealed and Delivered Bartho. Stretton (S)
in pressence off
Restcom Sanford.
peleg Sanford.

A True Cop^ie As Atests. John Sanford Towne Clerke.

Know all men by these pressents that I peleg Sanford have Received ffrom my father a law. m^r William phillips Now Husband vnto Brigitt phillips fformerly Bridgitt Sanford (my Mother) Executrix vnto my father John Sanford Deceassed all and Singular the pertickulars given vnto me by father John Sanford and by apoyntment of the Overseers. And Doe by these pres-

sents acquitt and Discharge William phillips or Bridgitt his or their Executors or administrators for-ever from the premises before, as Wittnes my hand and Seale the 19th Octobr: 1663

Peleg Sanford (S)

Red Signed and Delivered
in pressence off
Bartho Stretton
William Sanford.

A. True. Copie As Atests John Sanford Towne Clerke.

Know all men by these pressents that I Ezbon Sanford Sonn vnto mr John Sanford of the Towne of portsmouth Deceassed Doe owne and acknowlidg. to have Received of my Mother Bridgitt phillips late wife and Executrix vnto my Sayd Deceassed ffather. John Sanford all and Every part of whatsoe-Ever to me was due by the will of my Sayd ffather: And I doe hereby ffully acquitt Release and discharge. my Sayd Mother from all manner of demaunds or Legusis to me belonginge by vertue of my Sayd ffathers Will In Wittnes herof I have Sett my hand and Seale the 17th of June 1670

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in pressence. off.
John Sanford
Samuell Sanford.

Ezbon Sanford (S)

A True Copie As Atests John Sanford Towne Clerke.

[266] This deed or writing bareing date this twenty fift d[ ] of August in the yeare of our lord Christ one thousand six hundred fifty and six, witnesseth that Job: Haukines of Bos[ ] Carpinder: for and in consideration of a valuable Satifactio[ ] in hand giuen and receiued hath therfore sold and doth hereby Conuay unto Robert dennis of Portsmouth on Road Iland Planter: A parcell of land Containeing twenty Ackers more or lesse liinge with in the bounds of the towne of Portsmouth aforesayed which land

was freely graunted and giuein by the tounsmen of Portsmouth aforesayd unto Richard Haukines and this sd Job Haukines which sayed Parcell of land lieth and boundeth with william woadels land to the South side, and mr William Brentons land to the North Side, the east end Buting upon the Sea, and the west end buting upon the hie way to haue and to hould and peaceably to posses and injoy the Sayd parcell of land with all Apurtenances and preuilidgis there unto belonging to the said Robert dennis and his heiers for euer: and the sayed Job Haukines doth Couenant agree and promise for himselfe and his heiers and excequetors with the sd Robert dennis and his heiers that this is a good a firm and Indefeazable deed and estate unto the Said Robert denis and his heiers for euer to Injoy and posses, from any lawfull Claime of the foresayed Richard Haukines his heiers & excequetors and from any other which shall claime from by or under any Right or title of any person or persons, in testimony whereof the sayed Job Haukines doth hereunto sett to his hand and seale the day and yeare abouesayed

Signed Sealed and deliuered in the presens of:
William Bälston
John Sanford

Job h I aukines
his marke

A true Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman towne Clarke

This witnesseth that I Jane Haukines late wife to Richard Haukines aforesaid deceast doe Asent unto this aboue written deed and doe disclaime all my Right and title to the aboue sayed land & doe conuaÿ and Confirme it to the abouesayd Robert dennis and his heiers foreuer wittnes my hand this twenty fift of August 1656

witnes hereunto

John Sanford
Samuel wilson

Jane I Haukines
hir marke

A true Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman towne Clarke

[**267**] The Ear-mark of the Cattle of George Shearman is a fork or Swallows tail on the Right Ear Recorded June ye 18th A. D 1748 p^r Wm Sanford Town Clerk

put to his son Preserved shearman A. D 1791 Put to Sylvester Hathaway June 2nd 1827

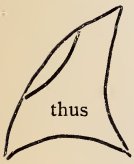
The Ear-mark of the Cattle of Preserved Shearman is a Slit down the left or near Ear Recorded June ye 18th A D 1748 p^r Wm Sanford Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Cattle of George Sisson is hinegad under the left Ear and a halfpenny under the Right Ear Recorded April the 29th A. D. 1749: p^r Wm Sanford Town Clerk
It being the Ear mak of the Cattle formerly given by John Pinner

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Stephen Brownell Esqr is a Crop on the near or left Ear & a foregad on the Right Ear Recorded may the 8th A D 1749
p^r Wm Sanford Town Clerk.

put to Job Sisson 1788

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Thomas Sisson is two half pennys before the near or left ear Recorded June the 5th A. D. 1749
℘ Wm Sanford Town Clerk.



The Ear mark of the Cattle of Capt Rowse Potter is two Slopes one on each Ear taken out behind or the hinder part of Said Ears Recorded march the 20th A. D 1750/1.
℘ Wm Sanford Town Clerk.

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Isaac Lawrance is a hind gad on Each Ear Recorded the 24th Day of June A. D: 1751
p^r Robert Dennis Town Clerk

The Ear mark of ye Cattle of Benjamin Hambly is a hole in ye Right ear and a Crop of ye Left Ear Recorded. May ye 7th A D 1752
By Robt Dennis T: Clerk

The Ear mark of ye Cattle of Robert Burrington is a half penny before ye Right Ear Recorded May ye 9th A D 1752
By Robt Dennis T. Clerk

[268] This deed Baring date the fift day of march Ano dom: (i65i witnesseth that I Joshua Coggeshall of Portsmouth on Road Iland, haue for a valuabl Consideration in hand payd before the Sealinge hereof: hau[ ] sould unto Clemant weavor Juneor of Nuport on Road Iland a parsell of land lying in a Tryangle forme Butted & Bounded as followeth: on the South-east by the Comon sixty Pols from thence on a straight line to a great white oake marked on boath sides & from that white oake along the line betweene this Parsell of land & land formerly & still is in the Possession of Clemant Weavor aforesayd: which parsell of land I the sd Joshua Coggeshall haue sould unto Clemant weavor afor sd with all the priviliges thereunto belonging to haue and to hould to him and his heiers for euer: and further I the sayd Joshua Coggeshall doe make warant unto and with the sayd Clemant that at the time of the sale here of I was the sole & true owner therof: and further I and my heiers doe also Covenant to and with the sayd Clemant and his heiers for his quiat and peasable Injoying of it from any Just molestation of mee or mine from by or under any Right title or Interest that I haue or ever had there in and in wittnes hereof I haue on the day & yeare first aboue written set to my hand and seale

Signed Sealed & deliuered in the presence of
Marke Lucar
Daniel Gould

Joshua Coggeshall

A True Copii ꝑ me
Philip Shearman
toune Clarke

put to Stephen B Cornell May 18 1830

The Ear mark of the Cattle and Sheep &^c of Clark Cornell is a fork on ye Left ear and a halfpeny behind the same ear Entered on Rec^d ye 13th A D 1752 Robt Dennis T. Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures belonging to Joseph Sisson is a Crop off of the near or Left Ear and two Slitts in the Crop of said Ear Entered on Rec^d ye 17th Day of May A: D: 1753

Robt Dennis T Clerk.

The above Ear mark of the Creatures of Jo^s Sisson is put to Andrew McCorrie Ju^r

Isaac Anthony

[**269**] The Ear mark of the Creatures of Isaac Anthony is A slit Down Each ear beginning at the uttermost end of said Ears Rec^dd June the 14th Day Annoqz Dom^e 1753

Robt Dennis T. Clerk_

put to Christopher Shearman Jn^r 1788

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Ebenezer Slocum is a Crop of the Right Ear and a half penny taken out off before and behind the same Ear Rec^dd September the 24th A D 1753

By Robt Dennis T. Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Robert Dennis is a fork on the Right Ear and a fore gad on the Left Ear Rec^dd June ye 1st A D: 1754

By Robt Dennis T^n Clerk

Jos Dennis put to Robt Dennis his mark / put to Geo. Dennis 1813

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Joseph Dennis is a fork on the Right Ear and a Slit in the Left Rec^dd June ye 3rd AD 1754

By Robt Dennis T^n Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of William Hall Junr is a Slit in Each Ear Recorded June ye 6th A D; 1754

By Robt Dennis T^n Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Joseph Thomas is a Crop of the Right Ear and two Slits in the Crop Rec^dd June ye 10th A D: 1754

By Robt Dennis T^n Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Roger Burrington is two holes in Each Ear Entered on Record the 15th Day of June Annoqz Domᵉ 1754

By Robt. Dennis Tn Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Nicholas Brown is two Slits in Each Ear Entered on Record June ye. 17th Annoqz Domᵉ 1754

By Robt. Dennis Tn Clerk_

put to Sarah Almy widw of ye John Almy decd with a Slit instead of a half penny 1791

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of John Almy is a Crop of the Right Ear and a half-penny taken out of the Same Ear before & behind—Entered on Record January the 14th A D 1759

By Robt. Dennis T. Cler

[**270**] This present deede or Writinge Baring date th[ ] 24th day of Nouember in the yeare (i656) wittnesseth [ ] where as there is a parcell of land, within the liberties of the towne of Portsmouth on Road Iland: containing thirty ackers be it more or lesse, butting and & bounded as followeth on the East with mr Brownels land one the west side with mr porters land one the North end with the sea, on the south end with the Comon which sd parcell of land was giuen & granted by the towne of portsmouth afore sayed unto Nathaniel potter deceased, & sould and Conuaied by John Albro to James Sands, & by Jeames Sands the aforesayd land was sould to Samuell Wilson and by Samuel Wilson the sayd land was sould & Conuaied unto william Shearman, and by William Shearman the saied land was sould & conuaied unto Ralph Earle of portsmouth Senior, which sayd land beinge the true & lawfull Right of Ralph Earl senior: of Portsmouth aforesayed on Road Iland, the sayd Ralph Earl senior for good causis mouinge him ther to and full satisfaction in hand Receiued: by him the sayd Earl hath sould and by these presents doth Bargaine for sell and Conuaie all the aforesayed

land: with all the apurtainancis preuiliges or prerogatiues ther on or therto Belonging unto Daniell Greenell, of Portsmouth on Road Iland Abouesayed, by and upon which Bargaine so made, and upon the Ensealinge there of the sayd Ralph Earle afore sayed doth giue graunt sell Ratify and confeirme all the Right title Interest claime preuilidg or prerogatiue that either the sayd Ralph Earle: by himselfe his heiers exequetors administrators or asignes did doe or might doe or might injoy or lay Claim unto in the premisis abouesayed unto the sayed daniel Greenell his heiers excequetors administrators or asignes firmly to inJoye and posses as his or Either of his or their lawful posession and inheritance foreuer free from all molestation and truble as from the sayd Ralph Earl his heiers excequetors administrators or asignes and in confirmation here of the aboue named Ralph Earle Senior hath set to his hand and seale the day and yeare aboue written in Portsmouth on Road Iland

Signed sealed and deliuered Ralph Earll
in the presents of us
John Sanford
Ralph his marke Earll Juner

A tru Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman Towne Clarke

[**271**] Portsmouth May ye 19th day 1754
These may Certify ye Town Clerk of Portsmouth that I John Cory have sold my right that I have of Cattle Runing in ye highways unto John Burrington of sd Town as Witness my hand
John Cory

Portsmouth June ye 8th day 1754
These may Certify ye Town Clerk of the Town of Portsmouth that I have Six Yearlings which Runs on ye Highways marked with a hole in Each Ear and a happenny under ye Right Ear as Witness my hand John Burrington

Portsmouth June ye 8 day 1754
This may Certify ye Town Clerk that I have Disposed of my Right of Cattle Runing in ye Highways unto John Burrington of said Town as Witness my hand David Anthony

All ye above is a true Copys of ye Originals Rec^dd June ye 10th A. D: 1754 Robt Dennis T^n Clerk

The Ear Mark of Adam Lawton's Creatures is one Nick under the Right Ear and two Nicks under the Left Entered on Record June the 18th A D: 1754 By Robt Dennis T^n Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Giles Lawton is a Crop of the Left Ear and two Nick's under it and two Nick's under the Right Ear Entered on Record June ye 18th A D: 1754
By Robt Dennis T^n Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of David Lake is a fork on the Right Ear and a Hap'penny before and behind the left Ear Entered on Rec^d June ye 18th A D 1754.
By Robt Dennis T^n Clerk

[272] Be it knowne unto all men by these ꝑsents that I Will[ ] Wodell of Portsmouth in Roade Iland for a valuabl Co[ ]sideration by mee receiued, haue sould unto Thomas Lawton of Portsmouth aforesayed, a certaine parcell of lande cituate and lying in portsmouth in Roade Iland adJoyninge to the lande of the aforesayed Thomas Lawton by a swampe Called the huntinge swamp[ ] Contayning thirtie Ackers more or lesse, I the aforesayed William haue sould unto the aforesayed Thoma[ ] his heiers Exekcutors administrators or Assignes all my right title and Interest in the aforesayd land, together with all my right and Interest in that land and orchyard formerly possest by me the sayd william lying betwene the land of George Lawton and the

land of the foresayed Thomas Lawton, to haue and to hould without any molestation, from me the aforesayed william my heiers or assignes in witness where of I the aforesayed william haue sett to my hand and seale this 4th of August (1653)

William
Woddell

Signed Sealed and
deliuered in the ℘sence
of Philip Shearman
Samuel Wilbur

A true Copii ℘ me
Philip Shearman Toune Clarke

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Joseph Remmington is a fork on the Right Ear and a hapenny under ye same Ear and a Happenny before & behind the Left Ear Entered on Record June ye 18th A D 1754 By Robt Dennis Tn Clerk_

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Isaac Lawton is a Crop of the Right Ear and two Nicks under the Left Entered on Record June ye 19th A D: 1754 By Robt Dennis Tn Clerk_

put to Wm Man: :chester June 9, 1820

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Restcom Sanford is a Happenny under Each Ear Entered on Record June the 20th A D: 1754 By Robt Dennis Tn Clerk_

[**273**] The Ear Mark of ye Creatures of Robert Barker is a Crop of the Left Ear and a slit in the Right Ear and a Halfpenny under Each Ear Entered on Record June 22nd A D: 1754_
By Robt Dennis Tn Clerk

Shifted to Peleg his Son

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Thomas Sherman is a fore Gad on the Left Ear and a Half penny under the same Ear Entered On Record June ye 24th A D 1754 (it being the Ear Mark of ye Creatures of his Father Peleg Sherman of 76 Years Standing)
By Robt Dennis Tn Clerk_

the above mark put to Mary Sherman widw of Thos son of Peleg, 1820

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Joseph Earl is a Crop of the Right Ear and a Slit in the Left Ear Entered on Rec^{d} June ye 28th A D: 1754_ By Robt Dennis T^{n} Clerk_

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Caleb Lake is a Crop of the Left Ear Entered on Rec^{d} the 12th Day of May A D 1755 By Robt Dennis T^{n} Clk_

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Jonathan Sole is a half-penny under the Right Ear Entered on Rec^{d} May ye 12th A D 1755 By Robt Dennis T^{n} Clk_

put to Rhoda Sisson June 5 1840

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Weston Hicks is a hind Gad on the Left Ear and a fore Gad on the Right Ear Entered on Rec^{d} May ye 12th A D 1755 By Robt Dennis T^{n} Clk_

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Jonathan Chiles is one half-penny under Each Ear Entered on Record May the 16th A D: 1755 By Robt Dennis T^{n} Clk_

[274] This present deede bareing date this eight day of January in the yeare of our lord one thousand six hu[ ]dreth fiftie fower witnesseth that I John Briggs of th[ ] toune of Portsmouth in Road Iland for a valuabl Consideration in hand receiued haue sould unto Thomas Lawton of the same toune and place, a parcell of lande Conteining six ackers more or lesse lying in portsmouth aforesayed, haueing on the South side of it a parcell of land adJoyning which is Thomas ffish his land and on the North side of the aforesayed bargained land lyeth a parcell of land adJoyning which is in the Posession of Henry Knowles, I the aforesayed John doe hereby resign up all my right and title in the forenamed land and fences and priuileges therto belonging unto the aforenamed Thomas Lawton his heiers or asignes for euer so that neither I my selfe nor any other shall

Claime any right or interest in any parte or parcell of the aforenamed bargained premises in witness where of I the sayd John Briggs haue hereto sett my hand and seale the day and date aboue written

John Briggs
his ⌊ marke

Signed Sealed & deliuered
in the presence of
Philip Shearman
John Tripp
Sara Shearman

A True Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman Toune Clarke

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Joseph Soule is a Crop of the Left Ear and a half-penny before ye Same Ear Entered on Rec^d May ye 16th A D 1755 By Robt Dennis T^n Clk_

put to Caleb Sherman June 2nd 1818

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Christopher Shearman is a Crop of the Left Ear and a helfpenny before the Same Ear Entered on Record Augt the 3rd A D: 1762

By Robt Dennis T^n Clerk_

Put to Martin Dedrick June 27 1833

[**275**] The Ear mark of the Creatures of Gideon Durfee is a fork on the left Ear and a Slit under the Same ear Entered on Record May ye 16th A D: 1755 By Robt Dennis T^n Clk._

Put to David Almy May 30th 1829

The Ear mark of the Creatures of John Willcocks is a Crop of the ye Right Ear and a Half penny before the Same Ear Entered on Record May ye 22nd A D 1755 By Robt Dennis T^n Clk.

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Joseph Cundall Junr is a Slit in the Right Ear and a hind Gad on the Left ear Entered on Record May ye 29th A D: 1755 By Robt Dennis Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Joseph Brownell Is a Crop of the Right Ear and a fore Gad on the Left Entered on Record July ye 28th A D 1755 By Robt Dennis T^n Clk_

put to James Sisson ye 3rd

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Isaac Barker is a Slit in the Left Ear and a hind Gad on the Right Ear Entered on Record May ye 17th A D 1756_ Robt Dennis Tn Cler,

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Benjn Hicks is a Slit Down the Right Year near about the Middle of sd Ear Recorded September ye 3rd A D : 1756 Robt Dennis Tn Cler

put to J. Braiman 1818

The Ear mark of the Creatures of James Sisson Jor is a Slit in ye left Ear and a hind gad on the Right ear Entered May ye 9th 1774 Robt Dennis Tn Clerk

[276] This present deede baring Date this twentifift of Januar[ ] in the yeare of our lorde Sixteen hundreth fiftie fower witnesse[ ] that I Henery Knowles of Portsmouth in Roade Ilande for a ualuable consideration in hand receiued haue bargained and sould unto Thomas Lawton of the same towne and place my nowe dwelling house with three house lotts adioyning together with the apurtenances and priuileges therto belonging the fruit trees and all the fences belonging to the sayed land and fencing stuffe thereupon with the loose bordes in the sayd house, sittuate in portsmouth, the sayed land being by estimation nyne ackers more or lesse bounded on the North syde with the land of John Albro and on the South with another parcell of land of the sayed John Albro and bounded at either end with the Common, together with two lotts of land lying in the same toune being bounded on the North with the land of Philip Shearman and at boath endes with the Common together with the apurtenances and priuileges therto belonging, I the aforesayed Henery doe for my selfe my heiers exsequetors or administrators resigne up all my rite title and interest in euery parte and parcell of the forenamed bargained premises, unto the aforenamed Thoma[ ] Lawton his heiers Administrators or Assignes for euer so that neither I my selfe nor any other by or from me, shall Claime any

title or interest in any parte or parcell of the bargained premises. in wittnes hereof I haue hereto sett my hand and seale the day and date aboue written

Signed Sealed and deliuered in the presence of
Philip Shearman
Sarah Shearman

Henery Knowles
his marke HK

A tru Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman toune Clarke

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Charles Bowler is a hind Gad on Each Ear Entered on Record the 3d Day of March A D 1759 Robt Dennis Tn Clerk

These may Certify that Robert Dennis doth Renounce his former Ear Mark and now marks wh a Fork in ye Right Eare and a Slit in the Left which was his Farthers Ear Mark

Witness Robt Denni[ ]

put to his son Saml Pearce Jur by his order 1788

[277] The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Samuell Pearce of Prudence Island is a hole in Each Ear Entered and Recorded December the 8th A D 1757 By Robt Dennis Tn Clerk

put to George Sisson 2d in 1808

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Parker Shearman is a hind Gad on the Left or Near Ear Entered on Record June ye 19th A D 1760 By Robt Dennis Tn Clerk

Put to his son Abram Anthony Jur

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Phillip Anthony is a fork on the Right ear and a hole in the Left Ear Enter'd on Record August ye 4th A D. 1760 By Robt Dennis Tn Cler

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of David Fish Junr is a hind Gad on the Right Ear and a Crop of the Left Ear and a hole in the Cropt Ear Entered on Record March ye 4th A D 1762
By Robt Dennis Tn Cler–

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Samuell Marryott is a fork or Swallows tail on the Right Ear Entered May the 29th A D 1764
By Robt Dennis Tn Clerk

put to Robert Fish

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Stephen Brayton is a fork or Swallows tail on the right Ear Entered May ye 27th A D 1765
By Robt Dennis Tn Clerk

[**278**] Be it knowne unto all men by these presents that I Tho[ ] Jenin of Road Iland planter in portsmouth haue for diu[ ]rs good causes and considerations me therunto moued haue bargained and sould and doe by these presents bargaine and sell unto Thomas Lawton of Portsmouth on Road Iland planter one lott containing by estimation twenty ackers be it more or lesse sittuated in portsmouth in the aforesayed Iland butting upon the south side of browns lott and bounded upon the mill swamp and parte of the mill swamp and moste of it on the west side of the mill swampe with all the other profits and comodities therunto belonging or any ways apertaineing and and by these presents granted unto the sayed Thomas Lawton heiers or executors administrators all my former right title claime intrust or demande of in or to the aforesayd right and land with all the apurtenances and euery parte and parcell therof confirming the same upon the sayed Thomas Lawton his heiers executers and administrators as their proper right title or estate to haue and to hould and peaceably to inioy for euer from me the sayed Thomas Jenin my heiers exeCuters administrators to him the sayed Thomas Lawton his heiers executors administrators and assignes all other bargains Couenants morgages or other agreement[ ] made or to be

made by me the sayd Thomas Jenin through my meanes to the Contrary to this deede of saile to be voyd and of no efect in wittnes where of the sayd Thomas doth for him selfe and for his heiers executors administrators and asignes subscribe his hand and set to his seale the eightent day of July (1654)

Sealed Signed and deliuered and posession giuen in the presents of us
Matthew Bridgman
Thomas Henly his marke

Thomas Jenin
his T marke

A tru Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman toune Clarke

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of John Thurston is a Slit in the Left Ear and a half penny under the Same ear and a hind Gad on the Right ear Being the Ear Mark of Francis Brayton Entered May 21st 1772 By Robt Dennis Tn Clk

John Thurston Renounced the Above Mark

[**279**] Know all men by these presents that I William Hall of Portsmouth in Roade Iland: haue sould unto Thomas Manchester of the same towne and Iland: all my right and intrust in that parcell of land granted unto me by the abouesaide towne: lying and adjoyning next unto the high way on the North side butting upon the mill swamp on the East end: and the other end butting upon the Common and the other side Joyning to William Hauenses land; I the aboue sayed William doe acknowledg to haue receiued full satisfaction for the premises and doe hereby disclaime all my right and title there unto. and doe freely pass ouer and Confirme unto the abouesayed Thomas his heiers executers administrators or assignes to haue and to hould without molestation from me my heiers execeters administrators or

assignes in wittnes where of I haue hereunto sett my hand this 3d of december (1654) William Hall

Signed Sealed and
deliuered in the presents
of us William Wodell
George Lawton
William Almy

A true Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman towne Clarke

The Ear Mark of Samuell Shearman's Cattle is a hind Gad on the Right Ear and a of the Left Ear with a hole in the Cropt Ear entered on Record May the 26th A D 1759 By Robt Dennis Tn Clerk

The Ear Mark of Isaac Anthony's Creatures is a hind Gad on the Right Ear A Crop of the Left Ear and a hole in the Cropt Ear Entered on Record Augt ye 2nd 1762

By Robt Dennis Tn Clerk

The ear mark of the Creatures of James Headley & Company is a Slit Down the Right Ear Entered on Record April ye 29th 1765 By Robt Dennis Tn Clerk

[**280**] Be it knowne unto all men by these presents that I Tho[ ] ffish of Portsmouth in Road Iland planter haue for good Consideration and due satisfaction in hand paid, sould unto Thomas Lawton of the same toune and place aforenamed yeaman, a parcell of land of fower ackers more or lesse with all the housing and fencing wood and timber and all other apertinances thereunto belonging the land being bounded in this maner butting on the North end with the Comon bounded on the East side with the land of the aforesayed Thomas Lawton butting upon the high way and the swamp in the towne bounded on the south side with the land of John Albro, this fower ackers of land more or lesse aforenamed I the sayed Thomas ffish doe and haue

made suer and giuen possession unto the aforesaid Thomas Lawton his heiers executors or assignes for euer to posses and inioy neuer to be molested by me the sayd Thomas ffish my heiers executors or assignes to claime any intrust or title therunto and for the true performance of the same I the said Thomas fish haue for my selfe my heiers executors and assignes sett to my hand this 20th of ffebrewary (i655)

Signed and deliuered in the presents of us
George Parker
ffrancis Parker

Thomas ffish

A true Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman Towne Clarke

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Jacob Mott is a Crop of the Left Ear and a Slit in the Crop and a Half penny before the Right Ear being the Antiant Ear Mark of the Farm & family of the Mott's Enter'd July ye 12th A D 1764

By Robt Dennis Tn Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Henry Headley is a Half penny under the right Ear Entered on Record April ye 29th A D 1765– By Robt Dennis Tn Clerk–

N. B the Eare Mark of Henery Headley John Thurston has taken for his Mark & Renounces his former Mark

[281] To the twelve men that are the Desposers of land in portsmouth or to whome this may Concerne

Know yee that I William Almy of the aforsayd Towne of portsmouth have given and doe by thess presents give and graunt unto Richard Bulgar of the afore-sayd Towne all my Right Title and Intrest into A graunt of Eight acres of land graunted to me the Sayd William Almy within the Comon ffence for the Sayd Richard to have and to hould and peaceably to injoy from me

the Sayd William Almy my heyres Excecutors or asignes to him his heyrs Excecutors or asignes for Ever in Testimony hereof the Sayd William doth Sett to his hand this fift day of January in the yeare of our lord god 1656

William Almy

Witnes hereunto O
The marke of Danill Grenill
A True Coppy ℘ me John Sanford Towne Clarke

Thess presents Witnes that I Lambert Woodward of fflushin for divers good causis and considerations me Moveinge have asigned and made over, and by thess presents doe asigne & make over unto Ralph Earll the Elder of portsm° on Road Iland, as well five acres of vpland more or less adjoyninge to the land of the Sayd Ralph Earll which was given to me the Sayd Lambert and david Dollin (Seaman) my partner, by the towne of portsm°, as alsoe all the Right Title interest to and in the Same to him the Sayd Earll his heyres and asignes for Ever Witnes my hand this 4th of june 1652

the marke L of the Sayd
Witnes Jonan Coventry Scr

Lambert Woodward:
A True Coppy ℘ me John Sanford: Towne Clarke

eleg Sisson Put to aac S Casy

The Ear mark of Peleg Sisson[ ] Creatures is a Slit in the Right Ear Enter'd May ye 21st A D 1772 By Robt Dennis Tn Clerk Being the Eare Mark of James Headly–

of the Creatures Decd
The Ear Mark of Peleg Shearman Son of Thomas is a fore gad on the Left Eare and a Half-penny under the Same Ear Entered June ye 24th 1772 being the Ear Mark his father Used:–

g Shearman

Robt Dennis Tn Clerk

put to Thales Tallman

The Eare Mark of the Creatures of Claver Tayler is a hind Gad on Each Ear being the Farm's antiant Mark Eentered August ye 18th 1774 By Robt Dennis Tn Clek

[282] This Deed or Writtinge Bareinge Date the fifteenth day of january in th[ ]re of our lord christ one thowsand Six hundred fifty Seven Witn[ ] that Richard Morris of portsmouth on Rhoad Island for and in Co[ ]ation of A vallewable Satisfaction in hand given and Received hath [ ] unto Thomas Brownell of portsmouth afor-sayd, A percell of land Containinge thirty one acres more or less lyinge within the precincts or bownds of the towne of portsmouth afor-sayd, which said percell of land was graunted by the towns-men of portsmouth afor sd: unto Richard Maxson deceast, & by the widdow of the Sayd Maxson Sould unto the Sayd Richard Morris, which Sayd percell of land is butted and bownded by the land of John Walker on the West, by the land, lately belonginge unto William Witherington on the East by the Sea on the North, by the Comon on the South, ffurther the Sayd Richard Morris doth Covinant and agree & promise for him selfe his heyres Excequetors & Administrators &c^s^ with the Sayd Thomas Brownell his heyres Excequetors & Administrators &c^s^ that this is A ffirme A good and an undeseazable deed and Estate, unto the sayd Thomas Brownell his heyres &c^s^ peaceably & quiatly to posess and injoy with all apurtainances & previlidges therto belonginge, for Ever, to injoy and peaceably to posess from any lawfull claime of the afor-sayd Richard Maxson his heyres &c^s^ or from any other which Shall lay claime therto from by or under any Right or Title of any person or persons In Testimony herof the Sayd Richard Morris hath herunto sett to his hand and Seale the day & yeare abovsayd

Richard Morris

Signed Sealled and Delivered
in presents of us

John Sanford Sc^r^
Samuell Sanford

A True Coppy ꝑ me John Sanford Tow Clarke

put to David Hall June 1821

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of George Hall is a Crop of the Right Ear and Two forks in the Cropt Ear Entered May ye 27th A D 1773 By Robt Dennis T^n^ Clerk–

put to Gid^n^ Dennis A D 1796 —

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of David Lawton son of Isaac is a Crop in the Right Ear & a Squar pese under the Left being a Mark of his owne Chooing Enterd & Record this 13 Day of June A D 1780 by John Thurston Town Clerk

[283] This Deed or Writtinge bareinge date the Ninteenth day of January in the yeare of our [ ]rd christ one thowsand Six hundred ffifty Seven, Witneseth that ffrancis Brayton of portsmouth on Rhoad Island, planter, for and in Consideration of A valluable Satisfaction in hand given and Received, hath therfore Sould and doe herby Convay unto William ffoster of portsmouth afor-sayd, planter, A parcell of land Containinge twenty two Acres more or less lyinge within the precincts or bownds of the towne of portsmouth afor-sayd, which sayd percell of land was graunted by the townsemen of portsmouth unto the Sayd ffrancis Brayton, beinge butted and bownded by the land lately layd out to William Hall on the South Side, by the land of Thomas Layton on the North Side, by the Comon on the East and west Ends, to have and to hould and peaceably to posess and injoy the Sayd percell of land, with all previlidges and Apurtainances therto belonginge to the Sayd William ffoster his heyres Excecutor Administrators &c^e^ for-Ever, And the Sayd ffrancis Brayton doth Covinant agree and promiss for him selfe his heyres Excecutors Administrators &c^e^ with the sayd William ffoster his heyres Excecutors Administratorss &c^e^ that this is A good A ffirme and An Indeseazable Deed and Estate, unto the Sayd William ffoster his heyres &c^e^ ffor-Ever to injoy and poses from any lawfull claime of any which shall lay claime therto, from by or under any Right or Title of any person or persons in Testi-

mony of the truth truth her-of the Sayd ffrancis Brayton hath here-unto Sett his hand and Seall the day and yeare Abov-sayd–

Signed Sealled and Delivered ffrancis B Brayton
his marke
in presents of
John Sanford Sc^r
Richard pearce

A True Coppy ꝑ me John Sanford Tow Clarke

put to Henry Headly 1802

The Eare Mark of the Creatures of Robert Fish is a fork or Sawallows Tail on the Right Eare Entered & Recorded June ye 27 . 1780 by John Thurston Town Clerk

The Eear Mark of the Creatures of John Thurston is a half penny under the Right Eear being the Mark of Henery Headley & the said: John Thurston Renounces his former Mark Entered & Record this 30 Day of May A D 1781

By John Thurston Town Clerk

Put to Roland Gelston

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Mary Anthony widow of Phillip Anthony is a halfpenny before the Left Ear being the Mark of Thomas Lawton Entred & Record this 9th Day of May A D 1784 By Abraham Anthony Ju^r Town Clerk

[284] This Wrightinge Witnesseth that m^r William Brenton have Bargained & [ ] unto Thomas Cooke (sen^r) of portsmouth, in Roade Island A percell of [ ] lyinge in portsmouth afore-sayd, upon which the Sayd Cooke hath built h[ ] dwellinge house beinge halfe an acre more or less bownded by A Stumpe at th[ ]rth end. of the afore-sayd house & Soe to runn in A Straite line to the bro[ ] westward, and and on the west bownded with the brooke, and on the South wit[ ] the present fence & from the Corner of the sayd ffence to the aforsayd Stump[ ] is the East bownds togather with a percell of land

lyinge neare the afore-sayd Lande bownded on the North with the ffence of mr Brentons farme (that is now in the hands of Gyles Slocum) on the west with A ffence at the uper Corner, next Gyles Slocums ffence afor-sayd, and Soe Runnith South from the South Corner poste of the rayles afor-sayd, to A marked white oake on the brow of of the hill by the hollow in which the brooke runith, beinge Sixty two powles in breeadth, from the north bownds and the South bownds on the South bownded with marked trees: from the Sayd white oake alonge one the brow of the afor-sayd hill to A marked Read oake, about twenty pole short of the Sea, and the the lyne to Runne out Soe much Southward, as to gaine two pole below next the Sea, & on the East bownded with the Sea, Eighty Seven pole in breadth, for both percells of land before-Named, I the afore-Named mr William Brenton doe acknowlidge to have Received ffull Satisfaction, & doe hereby for my selfe my heyrs and asignes Resigne up all my Right and intrest therin, unto the afor-sayd Thomas Cooke and his heyres and asignes for Ever, only Reserveinge A Carte way through the Sayd land to Carry hay from the watter Side to my ffarme, af[ ]-Named, and alowinge the Sayd Cooke his heyres or asignes for Ever a Carte way from his now dwellinge house Straight over to the fore-Named land i[ ] witness hereof I have hereto Sett my hand and Seale this 25th of october Annº 1649: William Brenton

Sealled and Delivered in
pressents of
William Baulston
phillip Shearman

A True Coppy ꝑ me John Sanford Tow: Clar:

put to John Sherman, of Saml 1820

The Eear Mark of the Creatures of Isaac Shearman is a half penny before ye Right Eear being the Eare Mark of Robert Burrington Enterd & Recorded this 6 Day of June A D 1781
By John Thurston Town Clerk

put to Job Sisson son of Richd Sison

The Eare Mark of the Creatures of Richard Sison is a half penny under Each Eear being the Eear Mark of Jona^th Child Enterd on Record this 7 Day of June A D 1781–

By John Thurston Town Clerk

[285] The pressent deed or writtinge Bareinge date the twenty Second day of ffeb^e in the yeare of our lord Christ one thowsand Six hundred fifty Seven, Witneseth that Thomas Cooke of portsm^o (jun^r) for and in Consideration of vallewabell Satisfaction in hand given and Received, hath ther-fore Sould unto unto John Randall of portsmo^o afor-sayd, A percell of land lyinge within the ꝑcincts & bownds of the afor-sayd Towne of portsm^o Beinge Butted and bownded, Northerly by the land of Thomas Cooke Senr, and Southerly by the land of m^r William Brenton Easterly by the Sea, & westerly by m^r Brentons high way Containinge twenty acres more or less to have and to hould and peaceably to use and injoy the Sayd percell of land with all apurtainancis and previlidges therto belonginge, to the said John Randall his heyres Exicutors administrators & asignes for-Ever. But it is provided that Thomas Cooke (sen^r) shall have liberty to Cutt wood on the Sayd land and to Carry it off: also that ther shall be liberty of A high way for m^r William Brenton and Thomas Cooke Senr (afor-sayd) to Carte hay through the Sayd percell of land, And the sayd Thomas Cooke, jun^r, upon the Conditions abov-sayd, doth Covinant agree and promise for him selfe his heyres &c^e with the sayd John Randall his heyres &c^e that this is A ffirme A good & an undzeasable Eastate & Deed to the sayd John Randall his heyres Excecutors administrators and asignes to posess and injoy for-Ever from any just claime of any person or persons, in Testimony of the Truth her-of the afor-sayd Thomas Cooke jun^r hath herto Sett his hand and Seale the day and yeare abov-sayd,

Signed Sealled and delivered in presents of
John Sanford Sc^r
Richard pearce

Thomas Cook jun^r

A True Coppy ℘ me John Sanford Tow Cla:

This Deed made the twenty fowerth of janu^ry: in the yeare of our lord Christ (1650) Witneseth that I John Cranston of portsm^o: on Road-Island, for A ualuable Considerã in hand payd have sould unto Gyles Slocum of the same towne and place all that my percell of land graunted unto me by the towne of portsm^o: beinge thirty acres more or less lyinge within the bownds of the sayd Towne, beinge bownded on the North with A percell of land belonginge unto Thomas Cooke & on the South with A percell of land off the afor-sayd Gyles Slocums on the East with A high way and on the west with the Comon of Iland, together with all the apurtainancis therunto belongeinge unto the aforsayd Gyles Slocum and his heyres for Eve[ ] and I the afor-sayd John doe her-by disclayme all Right Title or intrest in the afor-Named land soe that Neither I my selfe nor any other person by or from me Shall claime any Right Title or intrest in any part or percell ther-of at any time here-after in witness her-of I have her-unto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare above-written:

Signed and Delivered in pressents of us:
phillip Shearman
Thomas Cornell:

John Cranston

A True Coppy ℘ me John Sanford Tow: Cla:

[286] This deed or Writtinge Bareing date this fowertenth day of January in the yeare [ ] lord Christ one thowsand Six hundred fifty Seven Witneseth that Joh Randall of po[ ]ts[ ] on Road-Island planter, for and in Consideration of A ualluable Satisfaction in hand g[ ] and Received, hath therfore Sould

unto Gyles Slocum of portsm^{u} afor-sayd A percell o[ ] land lyinge within the bounds of the towne of portsm^{u} afor-sayd, Containinge twenty acres more or less, which sayd percell of land was sould by Thomas Cooke jun^{r}, unto the sayd John Randall, Beinge butted and bounded Northerly by the land of Thomas Cooke Senr Southerly, by the land of m^{r} William Brenton, on the East by the sea, on the west by m^{r} Brentons hie-way, to have and to hould and peaceably to posess and injoy the sayd percell of land with all apurtainances and previlidges therto belonginge to the sayd Gyles Slocum and his heyres for-Ever, only it is provided, that Thomas Cooke Senr, is to have liberty of A high-way to Carte hay throwgh the sayd land, And the Sayd John Randall doth Covinant and promise for him selfe his heyres Excecutors &c^{s} with the Sayd Gyles Slocum his heyres Excecutors &c^{s} that this is A feirme & A undezeasable Estate unto the sayd Gyles Slocum his heyres &c^{s} for-Ever to poses and injoy from any lawfull Claime of any person or persons whatsoe-Ever, in Testimony her-of the sayd John Randall hath her-unto Sett to his hand and Seale the day and yeare abov-sayd

Signed Sealled and Delivered in pressents of
John Sanford Sc^{r}
Thomas ┼ Brownell
his marke
Richard pearce

John L Randall
his marke

A True Coppy ℘ me John Sanford Tow: Cla^{r}:

This Deed or Writtinge Bareinge Date the twenty second day of ffebruary in the yeare of our lord Christ one thowsand Six hundred fifty Seven, Witneseth that Thomas Cooke (jun^{r}) hath, for and in Consideration of vallewable Satisfaction in hand Received, Sould unto Gyles Slocum of portsm^{u} afor-sayd, A percell of land lyinge and adjoyneinge to the land wher-on the Sayd Gyles Slocum now liveth beinge bounded and butted as followith, (viz^{tt}) three Rod lyinge next to the fence of the sayd Gyles, to

Runn up all the lenth of the sayd Thomas Cookes land beinge Sixty Rod in length more or less as alsoe all that percell of land lyinge between the afor-sayd three Rod and the ffence now Standinge about the land of the sayd Thomas Cooke on the south side therof, and to Runn from the East End of the sayd Thomas Cooks land twenty Rod, all which percell of land with all previlidges and apurtainances therto belonginge the sayd Thomas Cooke hath sould unto the sayd Gyles Slocum, to use posess and injoy, from him the sayd Thomas Cooke his heyres Excecutors administrators and asignes for-Ever ffully and absolutly Confirminge the sayd percell of land unto the sayd Gyles Slocum his heyres Excecutors Administrators and asignes, peaceably and quiatly to use & posess from any just claime of any person or persons — in Testimony her-of the sayd Thomas Cooke (junr) hath herto sett his hand and seale, the day and yeare abov-sayd:

Signed Sealled and delivered Thomas Cooke junr
in pressents of
John Sanford Scr
Richard pearce

A True Coppy ꝑ me John Sanford Tow: Cla

[287] These prescents may Testify that whereas there is an agreement and Exchainge of two percells of land made by Samuel Hutchinson with william Baulston the one beinge in the north ffeild Comonly Called the Clapit ffeild the other Lyinge in the Tract of land Called the twenty acres and wheras in the Exchainge of the sayd land william Baulston hath taken in part of the high way which was by the towne of portsmouth ordered and la[ ] out betweene the land of the sayd william Baulston, and the aforesayd Twe[ ] acres Therfore and in leiw thereof Samuell Hutchinson aforsayd doth bin[ ] him selfe his heyres Excecutors administrators that if Ever the afore sayd twenty acres shall be intirely ffenced or taken in from the Comon as now it lyith then there shall be A suffiant high way left vn-

fenced which shall be betweene the ffence of the sayd william Baulston as now it runith and the now remainge part of the sayd Twenty acres ffor Ever which Sayd high way is to be of the same Bredth as the high way now is that lyith betwne the land of m^r Smith and John Sanford goeinge downe to the land Called the Comon ffence in Testimony hereof the aforesayd Samuell Hutchinson hath heareunto seitt to his hand and sealle this 17th day of June 1658 Samuel Hutchinson
signed sealled and dliuerd
in prescents of
Thomas Cornell
John Sanford
A Trew Coppy by me Thomas Cornell Towne Clark

put to Benj Peckham

The Eear Mark of the Creatures of Thomas Shearman is a Crop in the Left Eear being the Mark of Caleb Lake formerly Recorded this 15 Day of June A D 1781
By John Thurston Town Clerk

put to Robert Albro 1820

The Eear Mark of the Creatures of Jonathan Albro is a hole in the Right Eear and a Crop of the Left Eear being form[ ]ly the Mark of Benjaman Hambly Recorded this 18 Day of June A D 1781 By John Thurston Town Clerk

put to Isaac Anthony

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Oliver Earl is a Crop of the Right Ear and a Slit in the Left Ear Enterd on Record the 25 Day of May A D 1782 By John Thurston Town Clerk

[288] Bee it Knowne vnto all men by thess pressents that Thomas Broo[ ] Portsmouth on Rhoad-Iland. doth ingadge him selfe his heyres Excequetors Ad[ ]istrators to deliver or to Cause to be delivered vnto Thomas Hawkins of Boston or vnto his heyres Excecutors Administrators or asignes the full an[ ] Just number of ffowerteene good and sownd Ewe shepe none of them to be vnder the age of two yeares nor to Exceed the age

of fower yeares whic[ ] sayd number of shepe are to be duly and Truly delivered in porthmouth aforsaid. on Rhoad Iland at or beffore the twenty ninth day of october next insueinge the date hereof vnto the afore-sayd Thomas Hawkins or to his asignes ffurther to the True and ffaithfull preformance of the abov-sayd premises the afore-sayd Thomas Brookes Doth by these present morgidge and ingadge A percell of land lyinge within the Bownds or precincts of the Towne of portsmouth afore-sayd in the place Comonly Called the Surkitt and buttinge on the wadeinge River to the north, on the land of m^r John Brigs to the Eastt, on the south to the Comon, on the west by the land of the widdow Hawkins containinge thirty acres more or less which sayd parcell of land afor-sayd the sayd Thomas Brooks doth by thes pressents disclaime all right Title claime and intrest thereto from him selfe his heyres Excecutors and administrators, absolutly and really Confirminge the same with all previlidges and apurtainances and fenceings thereunto belongeinge, vnto the aforesayd Thomas Hawkins his heyres Excecutors administrators or asignes peaceably and quiatly to vse poses and injoy for Ever, without lett or mollistation from the aforesayd Thomas Bookes his heyres Excecutors or from any others which shall lay Claime therto from by or vnder any Right or Title of any person or persons notwithstandinge any act or acts of sale morgadge or any other ingadgments of the premises made by the sayd Thomas brookes &c^e. And it is agreed and Couinanted by the sayd Thomas Brookes for him selfe his heyres Excecutors Administrators &c^e. that if the sayd Thomas Brookes or his asignes doe not ffaithfuly and Treuly make delivery of the abou-sayd sheepe in manner and at the time abou-sayd vnto the afor-sayd Thomas Hawkins or to his asignes, then abousayd Contract morgadge or sale of land shall be and stand of full force and Efect as the True and lawfull Estate of the afore-sayd Thomas Hawkins, for him selfe his heyres Excecutors administrators or asignes peaceably and quiatly to use pos[ ]es and injoy for Euer

and otherwise vpon the performance of the abou-mentioned premises then this writtinge is to be invalled and of noe force: and in Testimony of the Truth of the abou-written premises the abousayd Thomas hath hereto sett his hand and seale in portsmouth on Rhoad Island the ninteenth day of june in the yeare one thowsand six hundred fifty eight

Signed sealed and deliuered in prescants of
Jams Hawkins
John Sanford
Abraham Hawkins

Thomas Brookes:

A Trew Copey by me Thomas Cornell Towne Clarke

The above written Record is void and of none Efect
ꝑ John Anthony Town Cleerke

[**289**] This pressent Deed or wrightinge Bareinge Date the 10th day of July in the yeare of our lord christ one thowsand Six hundred fifty Eight witneseth that John Roome of portsmouth on Rhoad Island in the Collony of providence plantacons in New England in Consideration of full Satisfction in hand given and Received, hath therfore Sould vnto william Corry of portsmouth aforsayd, A Certaine percell of Land Containeing thirty Acres more or less, lyinge within the bounds or precincts of the Towne of portsmouth afore-sayd: Beinge Butted and bounded by the land of John wood Deceast on the north by the land of Thomas Brownell on the East by the land of John Anthony on the south, by the highway and Comon on the west, And the Sayd John Roome doth by thess pressents absolutly and Really Give grant sell and Confirme the sayd parcell of land with all the previlidges and Apurtainances thearvnto belongeinge, vnto and vpon the afore-sayd William Corry to him selfe his heyres Excecutors Administrators or asignes ffrely and quiatly to vese poses and inJoy for Euer without let or molestation of any person or persons,

what soeu[ ] which shall lay Claime therto, from by or vnder any Right or Title of the sayd John Roome his heyres Excecutors & administrators for Euer And in Testimony to the Truth hereof the afor-sayd, John Roome hath herevnto sett his hand and sealle the day and yeare aboue-sayd:

Signed Sealled and Deliverd
in pressents of
John Sanford
Ralph Earll
Robert Weskoot

John R Roome
his marke

A True Coppy by me Thomas Cornell Tow Clark:

Put to Susan
Albro May 24th 1827

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of John Earl is a Crop on the Right Eare, Enterd on Record this 25. Day of May A D 1782,
By John Thurston Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of David Gifford is a Crop in the Right Ear & a fore Gad in the Left & a Nick in the same Enterd on Record this 2tt Day of June A D 1783, by me
John Thurston Town Clerk

[**290**] Be it Knowen vnto all men vnto whom this presant Instrume[ ] of writinge shall Com or may anywayes Consearne that I George Parkar of the towne of Portsmouth with in the prouence of proueden[ ] plantations in New England haue for a good and valeuable Considration by me Received in hand sould and doe by these presents bargin and sell vnto Henry Pearcy of the aforesaid Towne one parcill of land being by Estemation sixten Acres of land be it more or less sitteuated and beinge within the Towne of portsmouth and buttinge vpon the grea[ ] swampe Norwest and one the south East End with the high way which lieth betwen Captin morrises howse lott and John Brigs his howse lott which high way leds to the winde mill and one the south side boundd with the Dwelinge howse and

land of Thomas Ginenges and one the North side with the howse and land one which william James dweleeth at the day of the date here of with all other the profits as fencinge medow timbar Commonidg with all othar the Commodeties or Apertenances there vnto belonginge or any wayes apprtaineinge giueing and by these presents granting from me the said George parker my heires Executors Adminestrators and assines vnto the said henry pearcey his heires Executors Adminestrators or asines all my former Right Titel Claime intrest or demand of in or to the afore said land with Eury part and parcill there of with all the appertenances and Conferminge the same vpon the said henry pearcey his heires Exectutors Adminestrators or asines to be his or there propar Right titel or Estate to haue and to hould and peacably to in Joy for euer all other bargins Contractes morgages asinments lesses or other Couenants or agrements formerly made or here aftar to be made by me the said Gorge or any othar through my meanes to be voyd and of non Efect and This to stand in full force power and veartew in testmony heare of the said George doth for him selfe his heires Executors Adminstrators and asines subscribe his Name and set to his seale this twenty Ninth day of Jeneuery in the yeare of ouer lord god one Thowsand six hundred fifty and three:

Sealed sined and deliuered — George Parker

in the presents of

william Charles his marke *m*

Richard Bullgar

A Trew Coppy by me Tho: Cornell Tow: Clarke:

put to Joseph Sisson ye carpenter 1790

[**291**] The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Samuel Bailey is a half penny under the Near or Left Eear which was formerly the Eare Mark of Gideon Cornell, Enterd on Record this 14 Day of June A D 1783.

By John Thurston Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Pardon Taber is a hind Gad in Each Ear & a halfpenny under the Right Eare, Recorded this 16 Day of May A D 1784–

By me John Thurston Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Richard Shearman is two Slits in each Ear Enterd on Record this 21tt Day of May A D 1784 By me John Thurston Town Clerk

put to Levi Sherman, 1814

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Christopher Durfee is a hole in the Near or left Ear–
it being the mark of the Creatures of Elizabeth Wyatt } Entered on Record the 10th Day of April A D 1787–

℘r Abram Anthony Jur. Town Clerk

Put to Richd Sherman Jur May 17 – 1823

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Abraham Anthony Jur. is a fork on the Right Ear & a hole in the left Ear= Entered on Record the 24th Day of May. A D 1787–
N B it being the Ear Mark of ye. Creatures of his father Philip Anthony Decd. | By Abram Anthony Jur. Ton Clk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of David Anthony now of Providence is a Crop of the Right Ear and a hole in the left Ear– it being the ancient mark of the farm & family of Abraham Anthony for four if not more generations Entered on Record October 1st. 1807

By Abram Anthony Town Clerk

[292] Bee itt Knowen vnto all men vnto whom this prescent Instrimen[ ] of wrighting shall com or may any wayes Consearne that I william James of the towne of portsmouth within the prouence of provedin[ ] planttaions in New England haue for a good and valaualbe Considtrasho[ ] by me Recaiued in hand haue sould and doe by these presentes bargine and sell vnto Hendrey Pearcey of the aforesaid towne one house and parcill

of land beinge by Estemation Twelfe Accres be itt more or less sitteuated and beinge within the Towne of portsmouth and butting vppon the great swampe norwest and one the southeast End with the hight way which lieth betwne John Archars house lott and John Briges house lott which high way leadeth to the weind mill and one the south side bounded with the dwellinge house and land of John Briges and one north side with the dwelling house and land one which John Aarcher dwelleth att the day of the date heare of with all other the profites as fincing timbar Commonidg with with all other Commodeties or Aperteances thear vnto belonginge or any wayes appertaing and by these prescents granting from me the said william James my heiers Excutors Adminstrators and asignes vnto the said Hendry percey his heirs excutors Adminstrato[ ]s or asignes all my former right Tittell Claime Intrust or demand of mor to the afore said land with eurey pate and parsell theare of wit[ ] all the appertenances and Confeaming the same vppon the said Hendr[ ] Pearcey his hieris Exeutors adminstrators or asinges to be his or there proper Right titell or Estate to haue and to hould and peaceably to injoy for euer all other bargines contracts morgeages asignements leses or other Couentantes by me the said william or any other Throught my menes or agrementes formerly mad or heare aftur to be made by me the said william or any other through my meanes to be voyd and of none effectt and this to stand in full force pouer and vertew in testtimony heare of the said william doth for him scelfe his heires exceutors Adminstrators and asignes subsribe his name and sett to his hand and seale the ffiue and Twentey day of febberey 1654

Signed Sealed and deliuered
in the prescents of vs
Richard Pearce
William Shearman
Nathell ✠ Browing his marke

william J James
his marke

A Trew Coppey by me Tho: Cornell Towne Clarke:

[293] This Deede or wrigteinge Bareinge Date the Eleauenth day of January in the yeare of ouer lord christ one thowsand sixe hundred fifty Eight; witnesseth, That william Baker of portsmouth on Rhoad-Island, in Consideration of ffull Satisfuctoion in hand given and Received hath therfore by thess presents sould vnto Joseph Ladd: of portsmout[ ] on Rhoad Island afore-sayd: A certaine percell of land Containeinge tenn acres more or less toguther with A small dwellinge house one the sayd Land: which sayd percell of land is Sittuate within the precincts of the Towne of portsmouth afore-sayd which sayd land was given and granted by the Townse men of portsmouth afore-sayd vnto Robert Bellow, and by the Sayd Bellow sould vnto the afore-sayd william Backer, beinge Butted and bounded by the highway on the south by the Comon and brooke one the west and on the north and East by the Comon: And the afore-sayd william Backe[ ] Doth by these presents sell macke ouer and conuay the afore sayd percell of land togather with all the howseinge ffenceinge apertainancies and previlidges whatsoeuer theareunto Belongeinge absolutly and Realy Confi[ ]meinge the same vpon and vnto the afore-sayd Joseph Ladd his heyres Executors administrators or asignes peaceably and quiatly to vse poses and injoy as his or their proper Right Title and Estate for Euer, with out Lett or molistation from any other person or persons which shall Lay clayme there to from by or vnder any Right or Tytelle of the afore sayd Robrt Bellow his heyres Executors or administrators: and to the True and faythfull Ratifycation and Confirmation of the aboue written premesis the afore-sayd william Backer hath hereunto sett his hand and Seale the day and yeare above-written

Signed Sealled and delivered in pressents of: William Backer

John Sanford
Richard Pearce
Samuel Sanford

A Treue Copey by me Thomas Cornell Towne Cl~

[**294**] Know All men by these presents that I Richard Morris Inh[ ]itant portsmouth vpon Rod Iland haue sould vnto Peter Toulma[ ] his heires Exequitors Administrators or Asigns A parcell off ground Containing Nine Akers at thirty ffiue shillines y Aker which ground Butting as ffoloueth, one side vpon Sharman his meddow Estward another side vpon Samuel wilbore westward one end is northward and the other end butting vpon the said Richard Morris his oune land southward The which I Richard Morris doe giue grant and surrender up my full Right and title vnto Peter Toulman his heirs exequitors Administrators or Assignes to haue and to hould ffor euer without Any trouble or molistation from me my heires exequitors administrators or Assignes or ffrom Any persson or perssons that may Challenge Any Right or propriety In or about the premises aboue specified ffurther I Richard moris doe Ackowledge to haue Receiued ffull satisfuctoion for the ground abouesaid To the true performance of the premises I binde me my heires Exequitors Administrators or Assignes As witnes my hand and seale this: 18th Decembar 1658:

Tistis Richard Moris

Clementt Salmon

The H marke of

Henry Timberlake

Gorge Hamonde

Thomas Campbell

A Treue Copey by me Tho Cornell Towne Clarke

These presents wittnesseth that I mary Morris nowe wiffe of Capt Richard morris now Resident in portsmouth vpon Rode Island doe in the presns of god declare my free willingnes to part with that nine Acres of ground which my said husband hath sould vnto Peter Toulman and doe hereby giue grant surrender my ffull Right and title for him to haue and to hould for euer without any molistation or trouble and further that this is my

fre act and ded I doe in the presens of all whom this may concerne, sett my hand this 18th of Decembar 1658

Mary Morris

Tistis
Richard Morris
Clementt Salmon
Gorge Hamonde
The marke H of
Henry Temberlake
Thomas Campbell

A True Copey by me Tho. Cornell Tow Cla

[**295**] This witneseth that I william willbore of Portsmouth in Roade Island haue sold vnto Peter Tallman of Newporte a pearsell of Land containinge Sixe acres Lijnge within the boundes of portsmouth Towne and is boundd as followeth that is to say: on ye east side by a parscell of Land which the said Peter Taullmam Lately bought of Captaine Morris on the south by a pearsell of land which Captaine morris bought of Goodman Emines: on the west by the high way and on the north by the high way that goeth to the watter side which Land with the priuiledges and apurtenances thirto belonginge I doe acknowledge to haue sold to the said Peter Taullman for him his heires and assignes peaceably to posses and inioy for euer and doe acknowledg to haue reseiued full satisfaction for the same before the Signing to this writinge and therfore doe for my selfe my heires executors administrators and asignes surender vp the same vnto the said Peter Taullman his heires executors administrators and asignes for him and them peaceably to posese and inioy for euer witness my hand and seale this present Twentyeth of December 1658

Allso I the said william willbore doe binde my selfe my heires and asignes to make good the salle heareof and to defend the said Peter Taullman his heires and asignes from any person or

persons that shall mollest him or them in laying any claime title or interest vnto the same or any parte theareof witnesse my hand the day and yeare aboue written

Witnesse
George Hamonde
John Cowdel
Thomas Campbell

William W willbore
his marke

A True Coppey ꝑ me Thomas Cornell Towne Clā

Put to Joseph Fish May 30th A D 1828

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Isaac Anthony is a Crop off the Right Ear & a Slit in the Left Ear – Entered on Record this 25th Day of May A D 1786. By Abram Anthony Jur Town Clk

[296] Know all men by these that I william Baulston of portsm[ ] in the Coulony of prouidence plantations in New England haue Sould vnto Dainell Willcook of the Same Towne and Coulony: four Acres of Land more or Less Sitiated within the bounds of portsmo[ ] Aboue Said, and bounded one the one Side with the land of Anthony paine late decesed: and the other Side with the land of Richard moris and the two Endes butting vpon the Common thus giuing and by these presents grantting from me Said william my heires Exetorus adminstrators or Asignes all my right Titel Claime or Intrust in or to any part or parcell of the abouesaid ffouer Acres of land and conferming the Same vpon the abouesaid Dainell his heires Executors adminstrators or Asignes for Euer to haue and hould and peecably to inioy without molestato[ ] or disstrubance from me the Said william my heires Executors or Asign[ ]s administrators or any other by my meanes, witnes my hand and Seale this Seuenth of march one Thowsand Six hundred fifty and Eaight

Signed Saeled and deliuerd in the presence of,
John Albro
william Hall

william Baulston

A Trew Copey ꝑ me Thomas Cornell Towne Clarke

put to Artemas Fish June 16. 1806

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Christopher Shearman Jur is a Crop of the Right Ear and a happenney taken out before and behind the same Ear– Recd. May 5th A D 1788

By Abram Anthony Jur Ton Clk

put to Thos Shearman son of Christr June 12th 1807–

The Ear mark of the Creatures of John Tallman is a Crop of each Ear and a hole in the Right Ear–

Entered and Recorded 3rd of June A D 1788

By Abram Anthony Jur Ton Clk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of William Tallman is a Crop of Each Ear and a halfpenney under the left Ear– Entered on Record 3rd of June A D 1788

By Abram Anthony Jur Town Clerk

[**297**] At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 25th of the 9th month 1695 at the house of William Corey

voted Henry Brightman chosen moderator

the court orders Read

voted this meeting is Adjourned untill the 2d day of December next and then to meet Again at the house of William Corey

At A Remeeting by Adjournment of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William Corey the 2d of the 10th month: 1695:

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 19th of the 6th month: 1696: at the house of William Corey

voted Giles slocum Chosen moderator

voted Thomas Cornel Junr Jeremiah Lawton Adman Lawton George Cornel Rober Hodgson and Benjamin Potter are all Taken in ffreemen in this Town

voted Thomas Cornel Junr and John Wilbur } Engaged are chosen Constables

voted Gideon ffreeborne and sampson shearman } are chosen to serve on the nex grand inquest at newport

voted francis Brayton, John Albro Junr, and William Allin of Prudence } are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport

voted George sesson, Josep cook, Latham clarke, and Jeremiah smith of Prudence } are chosen deputies to attend the nex Generall assembly to be held at Providence

voted John Anthony, George Brownel, and Daniel Pearce of Prudence } are chosen to make A Rate of 2^{d} upon the pound according to A generall Assembly act held at newport the 7th of may and by Adjournment the first of July 1696

voted and it is further Agreed that there shall be A pound built near unto Robert fishis shop of two Rod square to be built with good posts and a oake planck six foot high and the Town Treasurer to Take Care for the buildg of the said pound and pay the Charge out of the Town Treasury and to be built with all Expdicion

voted this meeting is Dissolved

Put to Soloman Lawton May 24 1827

The Ear Mark of the Cattle of Job Sisson is two halfpenneys before the Near or left Ear Record June 7th A D 1788
By Abra^{m} Anthony Ju^{n} Town Clk

this writing being apeald and of non efect by the consci

[**298**] This present writing thestifieth that wheare as thear was An Ag[ ]ment betwne william Brenton and Samuel wilbore both of portsm[ ] concaring A parcel of Land lying next to the Sayd Samuel and in consi[ ]ration of this parcel of land the Sayd Samuel did ingage for to maint[ ]ine A Suffishent fence

nt of both partys this 7 of may 1660 by me Tho: Cornell Towne: Clarke

betwne them for Euer and now the sayd Richa[ ] Smith Senr Sucseding and injoying the sayd land doth ingage himselfe and thay whom shall injoy the Sayd land that was the sayd Samuel for to maintaine Suffishant fence for Euer which fence is now standing betwne ffraincis Braiton and Richard Smith; and for the trew parformance of the Aboue written premises the sayd Richard doth consce[ ]t it shall be entred vpon record this 5th of Aprel 1659

Tested by me Thomas Cornell Towne Clarke

Put to Moses Sisson June 16 1828

The Ear mark of Creatures of Samuel Pearce Junr of Prudence Island is a hole in Each Ear – it being ye Ear mark of the Creatures of his father Samuel Pearce. Recored^d 4th of June 1788

By Abra^m Anthony Ju^r Town Clerk

put to Thomas Gould

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Henry Lawton is a half penny under the left Ear and a half penny before the Right– Entered on Record ye 8th of ye 6th M^o called June 1788

By Abra^m Anthony Ju^r Town Clk

Put to Richmond Carr

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Reuben Taylor is a Crop off the Right Ear and a Slit in the Crop of the same Ear, Entered & Recorded the 2nd day of ye 6th M^o called June A : D 1789

By A Anthony Ju^r Town Clerk

Put to John Harvey

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of James Cook (son of John) is a foregad on the Left Ear, And a halfpenny on Each side the right Ear. Entered and recorded the 4th Day of ye Month called June 1789—

By Abra^m Anthony Ju^r Town Clk

put to Seth Anthony June 5th 1813.

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Giles Anthony is a Crop off the Left Ear and a hole in the same Ear – Entered and Recorded the 13th day of ye 6th M^o A D 1789

By Abra^m Anthony Ju^r Town Clerk

[**299**] The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Stephen Slocum is a hind-gad of the Right Ear, and a halfpenny under the left Ear. Entered and Recored the 6th day of ye month called May A D 1790, pr Abram Anthony jur Ton Clk

Put to Walter Cornell June the 2nd 1827

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Joseph Sisson, carpentr is a half penny under the Near or left Ear, which was formerly the Earmark of the Creatures of Gideon Cornell
Entered on Record the 6th Day of ye month called May A D 1790
By Abram Anthony Jur Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Benjamin Brown is a half penny under the Right Ear and a half penny before the left Ear (it being the farm mark or George Cornell mark Recorded the 14th of ye month called june 1790
By Abram Anthony jur Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Sarah Almy widw of John Almy decd is a Crop of the Right Ear and a halfpenny taken out of the same Ear before, and a slit behind
Entered on Record 21st of ye mo called March A D 1791
By Abram Anthony jr Town Clerk

put to Asa Sherman 1823

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Preserved Shearman is a Slit Down the left or near Ear – Recorded the 8th Day of ye 9th mo called September 1791 By Abraham Anthony jr Ton Clk
N B it being the Ear mark of ye Creatures of his father Preserved Shearman Deced —

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Thomas Shrieve is a fore gad on the left Ear and two hind gads on the right Ear (it being the Ear mark of the cattle of his father & grandfather)
Recorded the 28th of May A D 1794
By Abram Anthony jur Town Clk

[300] Be it Knowen vnto all men by these presents that I John Albr[ ] of portsmouth of Rhoad Iland in the Collonney of prouidenc plant[ ] in New England haue for good Causes and Considration mee thei[ ] vn[ ] mouinge: Sould and doe by these presents bargaine and sell vnto Danell Willcoke of the Same Toune Iland and Collony, Nine Acres of land more or less together with what howsing is now standinge thearon as Allsoe what Tres is planted in the Orchard together with all the benefitss preiueledges or profits theirto belonginge or any waies Apertainge, thus giuing and by these presents granting; all my right titel Claime or Intrus[ ] in or to any part or parcell of the said housanig or land from me my heirs Excetors Administrators or Asignes for Euer and Confearming the Same vpon the aboue Said Dainell his Eaiers Excetutors administrators or Asignes for Euer to haue and hould and peaceably to Inoy all former Couenants Contracts morguges leeses or deds of Saile or any other Asignetion what Soever as allso all after Claimes made by me the Said John my heirs Executors administrators or Asignes to be voide and of none Efect and this writing is to Stand in full force power and vertue vnto the aboue Said Dainell his heirs Excutors administrators or Asignes for Euer the which land and housing being Sittuated in the Towne of porthmouth aboue Said and that whear on the Said John now liueth at the day of the date hearof witnes my hand Seall this Seauinth day of march in the yeare of ouer lord one Thousand Six hundred fifty and Eaight

Signed and Sealled and deliuered John Albro:
in the prescents of
william Baulston
william Hall

A Trew Coppey ꝑ me Tho: Cornell Towne Clarke

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Gideon Dennis is a Crop in the Right Ear, and a squar piece under the le[ ]t Ear

Entered on Recorde the 30th of ye mo called May A D 1796
By Abram Anthony jr Town Clerk

Put to Jonathan E Hazzard May 5th 1827

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Andrew McCorrie jur is a Crop of the Left Ear and two Slits in the Crop of said Ear, Entered on Record ye 13th of may A D 1797 –
By A. Anthony jr Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Peleg Hedly is a half penny under the Right Ear – Entered on Record ye 17th of ye mo called August A D 1799, By Abram Anthony jr Town Clerk
ye above being the Ear mark of ye Cattle of John Coggeshall & from him to Jos Sowle & to Henry hedly & then to John Thurston – but ye sd John Coggeshall Claiming ye same, gave it & request that ye above sd Peleg might have it.

put to Edmund S. Sisson Oct 20 1840

[**301**] The Ear mark of the Creatures of Rowland Allen is a Crop Cut of the Right Ear – Entered & Recorded July ye 8th 1799 By Abram Anthony jr, Town Clerk

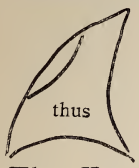
Put to Soloman Hedly June 7 – 1845 by consent of his Father

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Henry Hedly is a fork or Swallows tail on the Right Ear. Entered on Record May 24th 1802 By Abram Anthony Jr Town Clk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Peleg Hambly is a Crop of the left Ear and a happenny before the same Ear and a hole in the Right Ear. Entered on Record the 23rd day of May A D 1806 – By Abram Anthony Town Clerk–

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Artemas Fish is a Crop of the Right Ear and a hap penny taken out before and behind the same Ear – Entered on Record June 16th A D 1806.
By Abram Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Thomas Potter is two Slopes one on each Ear taken out behind or the hinder part of s^d^ Ears it being the Ear mark of the Creatures of his Father Rowse Potter Dec^d^ of 55 years standing. And Entered on Record as the Ear mark of the Creatures of the s^d^ Thomas Potter This 17th of June A D 1806



By Abra^m^ Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Thomas Shearman (son of Christopher) is a Crop of each Ear, and a hole in the Right Ear– Entered and Recorded June 12th 1807

By A : Anthony Town Clerk

The ear mark of the creatures of Edmund S. Sisson is a Crop cut of the right ear– Entered October 20th 1840 By

Samuel Clarke Town Clerk

[302] This presentt Deed or writteinge Bareinge Datte, the twenty first day of may in the yeare of ouer lord Christ one Thowsend Sixe hundred fifty nine witnessith, that John Cranston of Newport on Rhoad Island for and in Consideration of A valleable Satisfaction in hand given and Receiued, haue There fore Sould vnto Hugh perssons of portsmouth on Rhoad Island afore-said A Certaine percell of land giuen and granted by the ffree men of the afore-sayd Towne of portsmouth vnto the Sayd John Cranston beinge Sittuate and lyinge within the bounds of the afore sayd Towne of ports mouth Containeinge Eight acres more or less Butted and bownded by the land of the late decased John wood on the South, by the brooke and Comon on the west by the Comon on the north, parte by the Comon and part by the land of Thomas Lawton on the East, and the afore sayd John

Cranston doth by these presents from him selfe his heyres Excecutors and administrators disclaime all right title and intrest in and to the afore-sayd tract of land, absolutly and realy Confirminge the same together with all the preuilidges and apurtainantes thear vnto belonging vnto the afore-sayd Hugh persons to him his heyres Excecutors administrators and Asignes: to haue and to hould and peaceably to use poses and injoy for Euer, without Lett or mollistation of the sayd John Cranston his heyres Excecutors administrators or any other which Shall lay claime therto from by or under any Right or Title of the afore-sayd John Cranston his heyres &c^e for Euer, and in Ratifycat[ ] and Confirmation of the truth of the aboue-written premises the afore-sayd John Cranston hath herevnto Sett to his hand and Seale the day and yeare aboue sayd

Sealled Signed and Delivered John Cranston
in presents of vss
witnesse hearevnto
will: Jefferay
Caleb Carr
A Trew Coppey ꝑ me Thomas Cornell Towne Clarke

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Job Anthony is a fork or swallows tail on each Ear— Entered on Record May 12th A D 1808
By Abra^m Anthony Town Clerk

Put to Edward Anthony

The Ear mark of the Creatures of George Sisson 2nd is a hind gad on the Left or near Ear. Entered on Record May 12th 1808
By Abra^m Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Borden Brownell is three holes in the Right Ear— Recorded June 6th 1808
By Abra^m Anthony Town Clerk

[303] The Ear mark of the Creatures of Elizabeth Brightman Widow (of William) is a Crop on the right Ear, and a piece Slopt of from the hinder part of said Crop, and a Slit right down the Middle of the left Ear with a half penny under the same –
Recorded May 15th A D 1809. By Abram Anthony Town Clerk
The above being late the Ear mark of the Creatures of Thomas Manchester, and heretofore the Ear mark of Thomas Brayton & is the ancient farm mark

put to John Peterson

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Gardner Fish is a Crop of Each Ear and a half penny under each Ear
Recorded May 19th 1809 By Abram Anthony Ton Clk
it being the Ear mark of the Creature of his father Benjn Fish & his Grandfather Preserved Fish —

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Jonathan Anthony is a fork on the left Ear. Recorded June 3rd 1810
By Abram Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of William Lawton is a fork on the Right Ear and a halfpeny under the same —
Recorded Augt 20th 1810. By Abram Anthony Town Clerk
it being the Ear mark of the Creatures of his father Robert Lawton and his said fathers great Grandfathers mark & for 5 generations successively

Put to Peleg Albro

The Ear mark of the Creatures of John Peterson is a Crop of Each Ear and a half penney under each Ear. Entered on Record June 29th 1812 By Abram Anthony Town Clerk
it being the Ear mark of Gardner Fish and his father

The Ear mark of the Creatures of George Dennis is a fork on the Right Ear and a Slit in the left Ear—Entered on Record the 5th of June 1813 it being the mark of the Creatures of his Father Robert Dennis Decd A : Anthony Town Clk

[**304**] Know all men by these presents that I william Almy Inhabit[ ] of the Towne of portsmouth in the Colloney of prouidence plant[ ] in New England doe freely giue vnto my sonne John Almy dwelling[ ] with me; A part of my farme wheron I now dwell, on the South Side therofe the Sayd parcell of land layinge next vnto the farme belonginge to Richard Barden, the bredth therofe beinge on the front of my farme thirty eight rodds wide as also thirty eight rodds wide at the Seeaside from the Sayd Richard Bardens farm[ ] North ward, and So to run vpon A straight line on the north Side from the front downe to the Sea, the sayd land beinge about fifty acres more or less, I say I william Almy haue giuen my Sayd sonn John Almy the aforesayd parcell of land with all the priueledges therin containg to him and his heires for euer vpõ Such tenare as followeth, videlicet that the Sayd land shall sucssively belonge vnto my sayd sonne John his heire male, but in case hee hath no heire male at his death then it shall be to my sonne Christopher or his heire male if he hath any or other way to the next brother but case there be no heire male then it shall returne to the first heire female I say I haue giuen the Sayd land vnto my Sayd Sonne John Almy vpon the termes afore sayd to gether with this Iniunction that in case wee canot agree to gether to make use of the whole farme in Comon the[ ] my Sayd Sonne is to maintaine the whole fence betwxt vs I Say I william Almy aforesayd haue freely giuen vnto my Sayd sonne John Almy the aforesayd parcell of land and to the heires successiuely accordinge to the tenuer exprest in the premises, and in witnesse of this my act and deede I haue herunto sett my hand and Seale this seventeeth of Octobar Anno Domini 1659

Sighned Sealed and deliuerd in prescencs of vs — William Almy

John Greene

hur marke
Adrey Almy

A True Coppey ye me Tho: Cornell Towne Clarke

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Seth Anthony is a Crop off the left Ear, and a hole in the same Ear. Entered on Record June 5th 1813 By Abram Anthony Town Clerk

Put to Samuel Anthony March 16th 1833

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Jonathan Gibbs is a hole in the Right Ear – Entered on Record June 5th 1813.
By Abram Anthony Town Clerk

[305] The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Levi Sherman is a hole in the (Near or) left Ear– Entered on Record Augt 18th 1814.
By Abram Anthony Town Clerk

given to Stephen D. Sherm[ ] Jany 11, 1842

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Samuel Shearman (of John) is a foregad on the left (or near) Ear. Entered on Record Augt 18th 1814. By Abram Anthony Town Clk
it being the mark of the Cattle of his father John Sherman of 68 years Standing

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of John Allen (son of Rowland) is a Crop of the Right Ear, and a half penney under the left Ear – Recorded August 30th A D 1816
By Abram Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Caleb Shearman is a Crop of the left Ear and a half penny before the same Ear, Entered on Record June 2nd A D 1818. By Abram Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of James Braiman is a Slit in the left Ear, and a hind gad on the Right Ear – Entered on Record Augt 6th 1818. By Abram Anthony Town Clk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of John Sherman (of Saml) is a half penny before the Right Ear—it being the mark of the Creatures of Isaac Sherman Dec^{d} & now put to said John.

Entered upon Record this 7th day of June A D 1820
By Abra^{m} Anthony Town Clk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of William Manchester is a happenny under each Ear—Entered upon Record June 9th 1820
By Abra^{m} Anthony Town Clerk
it being formerly the Ear mark of the Creatures of Restcome Sanford Dec^{d}

[306] This Deed or writteing Bareing date the Sixtenth of Decemb^{r} in [ ] yeare of our lord Christ one Thousand Six hundred fifty nine wittneseth, that Richard Bulgar of portsmouth on Rhod-Island hath for and in Consideration of ful[] Satisfaction in hand giuen and Receved therefore Sould vnto Richard Harte of portsmouth afore-sayd A C[]rtaine percell of land Containg three Acres be it more or less Lyinge and Cittuate in the South East Necke of the place Called the Com̄onfence in the bounds of the Towne of portsmouth aforesayd, and is in the Land of the aforesayd Richard Bulgar, which was by m^{r} william Almy and the freemen of the Sayd Towne of portsmouth freely giuen and granted vnto the afor[]sayd Richard Bulgar, And is Butted and Bownded on the South by A Sault pond and beach on the west by the greate Cove on the north by markt trees and the Land of the Sayd Richard Bulgar on the East by pocasett River, all which Sayd percell of land Beinge and Cittuate as is aforesayd Togather with all the ffenceings previlidges and prorogatives thereunto belongeinge, the aforesayd Ricard Bulgar Doth by thess pressents from him seelfe his heyres Exceutors Administrators or asignes ffreely absolutly and Realy Sell Convay and Conferme vnto the aforesayd Richard Harte for him selfe his heyres Excecutors administrators or asignes to haue and to hould and peaceably and quiatly to vse

posses and injoy as his or their proper Right Title and Estate for Euer without Lett hindrence or molestation of any person or persons whatso Ever which shall Lay any Clayme therto from by or vnder any Right or Title of the aforesayd Richard Bulgar his heyres Excecutors Administrators or asignes Only provided that if at any Time the aforesayd Richard Harte Shall see Caues to sell the afore-sayd land, than the aforesayd Richard Bulgar is to haue the first proffer and Refusall thereof before any other person or persons what so Ever,: and ffurther the afore sayd Richard Bulgar Doth Covniant agree and promiss for him selfe his heyres Excecutors Administrators or asignes Shall haue ffree pasage both for Egress and Regres by A foote way through the Land of the afore sayd Ricard Bulger and allso free Liberty of A Carte way alonge or on the Beach on the west side of the afore sayd Richard Bulgers Land: and in Confirmation and Ratifycation of the Truth of the aboue writen premises the aforesayd Richard Bulg hath hereunto Subscribed his name and sett to his seale the daye and yeare aboue writen,

Signed Sealled and Deliverd Richard Bulgar:
in the presents off:
Thomas Brook
Lot Strainge
Ralph Earle

A True Coppey ye me Tho: Cornell Tow: Clark

The Ear mark of the Creatures of David Almy is a Crop off the Right Ear and a halfpenny before the Same Ear

Entered on record the 30th day of May 1829
Witness Richd Sherman Jr Town Clerk

put to Jos. S. Peckham July 31 1840

[307] The Ear mark of the Creatures of Robert Albro is a hole in the Right Ear, and a Crop off the left Ear, it being formerly the mark of the Creatures of his father Jonathan Albro Decd

Entered on Record the 8th day of June A D 1820
By Abram Anthony Town Clk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Mary Sherman (widow of Thomas Dec^{d}) is a fore gad on the left, and a half penny under the same Ear.— Entered on Record June 8th A D 1820

By Abra^{m} Anthony Town Clerk

the above being the Ear mark of the Creatures of the s^{d} Thomas.s father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather of 142 years Standing—

put to Freeborn Albro June 4 1840 S. Clarke T. Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Lewis Greenhill is a Slit right down in the fore part of the left Ear. Entered upon Record the 9th day of June A D 1820 (it being formerly the Ear mark of the Cattle of John Keese) Abra^{m} Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of David Hall is a Crop off the right ear and two forks in the Cropt ear it having been the mark of the Creatures of his father George Hall Dec^{d}

Entered on Record June 30th 1821

By Philip Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Richard Sherman J^{r} is a fork on the Right Ear & a hole in the left Ear Entered on Record May 17th A D 1823 It being the Ear Mark of the Creatures of Abraham Anthony (the former Town Clerk)

Witness Richd Sherman J^{r} Town Clerk

Put to Samuel Cory May 11th 1850

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Asa Sherman is a Slit down the left Ear, It being the Ear Mark of the Creatures of Preserved Sherman late of this Town Dec^{d} Entered on record May 31 A D 1823 by Richd Sherman J^{r} Town Clerk

[308] Wee whose names are vnder wrriten doe v[ ]imusly agree to make a suffishant fence betwne eshe other that is to say m^{r} Ricard Smith is to make vp that part of fence from the vp-land the brdth of the masch to the Poond. and the sayd ffranci[ ]

Brayton is to make the other parte from the masch to the hey-way; which part[ ]ss of fencing is to be mainetaned for euer by eache other or^thear^ heires or asignes; vppon considration of a pace land containg halfe an acre more or less alowed to fraincis Bayton by m^r^ Ricard Smith for to maintane that part of fence for euer, witnes ouer handes this 7th of may 1660:

This being doun in presents of vs
Thomas Cornell Towne Clarke:
william Baulston

Richard Smith
ffraincis *f* B Brayton

put to Enos Gibbs June 8th 1840 –

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Joseph Fish is a Crop off the Right Ear & a slit in the left Ear, It being the Ear Mark of the Creatures of Isaac Anthony formerly of this Town Dec^d^
Entered on Record May 31th A D 1823 By
Richd Sherman Ju^r^ Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Richmon Carr is a Crop off the Right Ear and a slit in the Crop of the same Ear Entered and Recorded this fifth day of June A D 1825 By me
Richd Sherman Ju Town Clerk

Put to John Stanton

The Ear mark of the Creaturs of Roland Gelston is a half penny before the left Ear
Entered on record this 15th day of July 1826
by me Richd Sherman Ju Town Clerk

[**309**] This Indentur made this third day of Nouembar in the yere of our lord god one thousand Six fifty and Nine betwne James Sands of the Towne of portsmouth one Road Island in New England one the one partey and Joseph Martin of the afore said towne one the other partey witneseth that the said James Sands for a full and valluable Considration recaiued in hand haue sould and doe by these presents bargin and sell vnto the afore said Joseph marting fortie fower acres of land be it more or Less Sitteuated within the towneship of portsmouth and bounded as folle[ ]th viz north ward towards the mill with a littel black

Oake: East with Newport path: and the South East Corner with a Crotched whit Oake: South west with a Sassafrax tree by a brooke side: and I the said James Sands doe by these presents giue grant resine vp bargin and sell to the Joseph martin his heirs Executors adminiestrators or Asignes all my right and title Claime intrest or demand in or to the afore said land with Eury part or prcell there of with all the profits priueleges and apurtenances there vnto belonginge or any wayes apertaing and Confearming the same vpon the said Joseph martin his heires Executors adminnistrators or asignes to be his or there proper right tittel and Estate to haue and to hould and peaseably to poses and injoy for euer and to the trew parformance heare of the said James doth bind himselfe his heirs Executors adminnistrators and asignes fearmely and sukksesiuly by Subscribing his marke and setting to his seale the daye and yeare aboue riten

Sealed Sined and deliuerd in the presence of

The marke of Jeams Sands

-I- S

Richard Bulgar
Roubart Hazard

we whose names are here vnder writen beinge partly intrestred in the lands mentioned in in ye aboue writen ded of sale doe by these prescent alow raitefie and Conferme this deed of Sale made by James Sands to Joseph martin wittnes our hands the day and yeare aboue writen

witness here vnto
Richard Bulgar
Roubart Hazard

william Earle
Sarah Sands

A True Copey ꝑ me Thomas Cornell Towne Clarke

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Peleg Albro is a Crop of Each Ear, and a half penny under each Ear It being the Ear Mark of John Peterson Deceased
Entered on Record the 7th day of May 1834
By me Richard Sherman J^r Town Clerk

[310] Be it Knowen vnto all men by these prescents y^t I Nickolas Browne of portsmouth in Roade Iland in ye Colloney of prouidence plantation in New Eingland haue for good Caueses and Concidration mee their vnto mouinge as allsoe for A full and vallewable Satisfaction recaiued in hand by me ye Nickolas: doe by these presents bargaine and sell vnto Ellexander Enos one Acre of land sittiated within the boundes of portsmouth aboue said: and bounded as follueth videl ye one Side with ye bound of Thō. Lawton Nine Rodes broode and ye other End with ye land of ye said Nickolas being Tenn Roodes and one halfe broode ye one side allsoe bounded with ye said Nickolas his land being fiftene roodes longe and ye other side Butting vpon the Comon Nienetene rods longe Together with all ye benefites priueledges or prouits their to belonging or any waies appertaing: these giueinge and by these prescents granting from me the said Nickolas in heairs Exetutors administrators or asignes all my right Titel Claime or intrest in or to ye abouesaid Acre of land and Conferming the same vpon the abouesaid Ellexander his heirs Excutors Adminnistrators or Asignes for Euer to haue and hould and peaceably to injoy all former Couenants Contracts morgages leases or deads of sale or any asignation what soe euer. as all after Claimes made by me ye said Nickolas my heirs Executors administrators or asignes to be void and of none Efect and this writing is to stand in full force pouer and vertew unto the aboue Said Ellexander his heirs Excutors adminnistrators or asignes for Euer wittness my hand and Seale this fourtene day of may in the yeare of Crace one Thowsand Sixe hundred fiftey and Nine

Signed Sealed and deliuered
in the preasetes of
Thomas wood his marke
William Hall

The marke of
Nickolas Browne

A True Copey per me Thomas Cornell Towne Clarke

put to David Baker

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Soloman Lawton is two half penney before the Near or left ear Entered & recorded the 24th day of May 1827 By me Richard Sherman Jr Town Clerk

put to Joseph Cornell

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Susan Albro is a Crop on the Right Ear, Entered on record the twenty fourth day of May 1827 By me Richard Sherman Jr Town Clerk

[**311**] The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Walter Cornell is a half penny under the Near or left Ear, which was formerly the Ear mark of the creatures of Joseph Sisson. Entered on Record the 2nd day of June A D 1827
By Richd Sherman Jur Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Sylvester Hathaway is a slit down the left or near Ear, It being the Ear mark formerly of Preserved Sherman Recorded June 2nd 1829
By me Richard Sherman J Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Jonathan E Hazzard is a Crop off the left Ear and two slits in the Crop of said Ear
Entered on record June 5th 1827
By me Richard Sherman J Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the creatures of Moses Sisson is a hole in each Ear it being the Ear mark formerly of Samuel Pearce of Prudence Island Entered on reco[ ] this sixteenth day of June 1828
By me Richard Sherman Jur Town Clerk

Put to Thomas R Hazard May 30 1840 –

The Ear mark of the Creatures of John Stanton is a half penny befor the left Ear. Entered on record the twenty eight day of April 1830. It being the ear mark of Roland Gelston
& recorded by me Richard Sherman Jr Town Clerk

[312] The Ear mark of the Cattle of Stephen B Cornell is a crop off the left Ear and a halfpenny before the Same and a halfpenny on each side the right Eare It being formerly the Ear mark of Stephen Cornell Dec^{d}
Entered and recorded the 18th day of May 1830
Witness Richd Sherman Ju^{r} Town Clerk

The Ear mark of James Albro is a Crop off the right Ear and a slit in the same Ear & two halfpenys before the left Ear It being formerly the Ear mark of the late Samuel Albro Dec^{d}
Entered on record the 18th day of May 1830
By me Richard Sherman Jur Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Samuel Anthony is a Hole in the Right Ear It being the Ear mark formerly of Jonathan Gibbs Eentered on record this 16th day of March 1833 by me
Richard Sherman J^{r} Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Martin Dedrick is a fork on the left Ear and a Slit under the same Ear, entered on record this 27th day of June 1833
By me Richard Sherman Jr Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Job Sisson is a half penny under each ear It being the ear mark of his Father Richard Sisson Dec^{d} entered on record the 28th day of June 1833
By me Richard Sherman J Town Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Benjamin Peckham is a Crop off the Left Ear, bein the Mark of Thomas Sherman De^{c}d & entered on record this 28th day of Sep^{t} 1833 by me
Richard Sherman J^{r} Town Clerk

[**313**] The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Joseph Cornell is a Crop off the Right Ear, and a hole in the same Ear
Entered on record April 1st 1834 by me
Richard Sherman Jr Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Thales Tallman is a hind Gad on each Ear, It being the Ear Mark of Claver Taylor and put to said Thales Tallman this 30th day of Sept. 1833 & recorded by
Richd Sherman J Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Thomas Gould is a halfpenny under the left Ear and a half penny before the Right It being the Ear mark of the late Henry Lawton Esqr Decd and put to said Thomas Gould this first day of April 1834 & recorded by me
Richard Sherman Jr Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of John L Harvey is a fore gad on the left Ear, and a halfpenny on each side the right Ear It being the Ear Mark formerly of James Cook son of John entered on record this 22nd day of April 1834 by me
Richard Sherman Jr Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Cattle of Humphrey Chase is a fore gad on the Right Ear, It being the ear mark of the Creatures of Nathan Chase & put to said Humphrey this 7th day of June 1834
Witness Richard Sherman Jr Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Pardon White is a hole in the left Ear and a slit from the same recorded this 7th day of June 1834 Witness Richd Sherman Jr Town Clerk

[**314**] This present writteinge Bareinge the Thirtith day of January in the y[ ] of our lord Christ one thowsand Six hundred fifty eight witneseth that Thomas Hazard of portsmouth on Rhoad Island: hath by these presents given and bequeathed in dowrie with his daughter Hannah Hazard, vnto Stphen wilcoke of portsmouth Thirty fower acres of land more or less Situate within the bounds or limits of ye Towne of portsmouth afore-said and lyinge in the farme of the aforesaid Thomas Hazard and adjoyneinge vnto the wadeing or mill river, Eight acres wherof being butted and bownded by the land of Samuel Gine one the south and north and on the East End by the Comon and High way to the mill, the other twenty Sixe acres being butted and bownded by the fence as now it stands one the south and Southwest and on the west and northwest by the land of the Afore said Thomas Hazard and on the north by the land of m^{r} porter and on the East and South-East by the aboue sayd eight acres and the land of Samuel Geinne afore said Twenty acres of which land afore Said beinge alredy fenced in in seuerall percels is now heareby deliuerd into the present use and posesion of the afore-sayd Stephen wilcocke, but the other fowertene being tenn acres vnfenced and joyneing to the land of m^{r} porter and fower acres fenced in and and adjoyneinge to the afore-sayd Hazars land by the afore-sayd wadeing riuer is to remaine in the posesion and vse of the afore-sayd Thomas Hazard vntell the day or time of his death at which time it is to returne and be in the proper vse and posesion of the afore-sayd Sthepen wilcocke, and the afore sayd Thomas Hazard doth by these presents Give and bequeath as is abouesaid the aforesayd thirtey fouer acres of land together with all the fenceinges and priueldegs there vnto belongeinge vnto the aforesayd Stephen willcoke for himscelfe his heires Excutors and administrators to haue and to hould and peacebly to vse poses and injoy as his or there proper right or Estate for euer without lett or molestation of the aforesayd Thomas Hazard his heires Exceutors and administrators or any others which

shall lay clayme therto from or by vnder any right or Title whotso Euer, absolutly and realy ratifyinge and Conferming these presents to be his whole only and sole acte and dede touching the aboue writen premises for Euer only it is prouided that the aforesayd Thomas Hassard his heires Excuetors or adminnistrators is to haue free and quiet librety of A highway for the pasedg of thm scelues ther Catell or Cartes therough the aforesayd stephen from his house to the Comon and highway, and the Aforesayd stephen wilcoke or his hiers Excutors or administrators are to haue the like prelidge and vse of A high way through the afore-sayd Hazards land vnto the Sea and water side, as also that the aforesayd Stphen wilcocke his heires Excutors or administrators are to haue free and quiet librety for them scelues or Catell to the Spring of water that lyes and is neare adjoyinge vnto the house of the aforesayd Stephen and in the afore sayd Thomas Hazard land and to the ferme and reall ratifycation of the **[315]** aboue riten premises the afore sayd Thomas Hazard hath herevnto Sett his hand and Seale the day yeare aboue written

Signed Sealled and delivered
in presents of
Richard mories
John Sanford
Thomas Cornell
Samuel Sanford

Thomas Hazard
his marke

A True Copey ye me Tho: Cornell Towne Clarke

Anthony Paine his will

I Anthony Paine in my perfect memory doe manifest my minde and Last will is to giue & bequeath vnto my daughter Alce one Cow shee or hur husband painge vnto my daughter Mary tripp so much as ye Cow is Judged to be more worth, then the heffer, and to be made vp Equall out of ye Cow, And further my minde and will is, to make my wife Rose Paine wholl & Soull Executrex to see my ye former Couinant, and my last will performed, and my

debts paide, and mr Porter and william Baulston to see my Estate Equaly deuided witnes my hand this 5th of may 1649

william freeborn

The Marke of Anthony Paine

the marke of

Thomas wait

William Baulston

This is a trew Copie of ye last will of Anthony paine deceassed ꝑ me philep Sherman Genorall Recorder

Taken out of ye Genorall Recorders office and Entred in to ye Records of ye towne of portsmoth

By me Richard Bulgar
Towne Clarke

[316] where as by ye Last will, and first Couinant of Anthony Paine Deceassed there wos a legacye dew vnto mary the wife of John Tripp this writinge witneseth that I the said John Tripp and Mary my wife, haue Receued of Rose weeden Executrex to Anthony Paine Deceaste full Satisfaction for whot so Euer wos dew to vs, Either by last will or first Couinante, wee say Receued full Satisfaction in witnes here of we haue here vnto sett our hands this 18th day of march 1650

James weden

John Tripp

the marke U of

Mary Tripp

A trew Copie by
me Richard Bulgar
towne Clarke

Richard Hart

where as there wos a legasie dew vnto Alce Paine now wife vnto Lot Strainge from Anthony Paine hur father Deceaste, This present writinge witneseth that I Lot Strainge and Alce my wife, doe acknowledge, to haue Receued of Rose Paine, the said Anthony Paine his Executrex ye full some of fiften pounds, which is in full Satisfaction of that Legacie giuen by the said Anthony

paine, And I doe here by Quitte the aboue said Executrex of it from ye beginninge of ye worlde to this day, wherevnto I sett my hand this 27th of october 1649

witnes william Baulston

Lott Strainge

Alse
Strainge hur marke C

A trew Copie by me
Richard Bulgar
towne Clarke

[317] Portsmoth
August ye 31th 1661

ffor as much as Sarah Mott widow to the late deceased adam mott of ye towne of portsmoth hath brought hir late husbands will in to ye office of to be proued and hath Exhibeted the same to the towne Counsill thay findinge the said will som thinge dewbeious in not declaringe the said Sarah his wife to be his Excektrix yet the scope of the same makinge hir one in powar there fore we the Counsill of the towne of portsmoth doe vnanimusly apoint the said Sarah mott & widow to the late deseaced Adam mott to be soll Execetrix duringe the terme of hir life accordinge to whot we vndarstand the meaninge of ye will to be, beinge the magior part of the Counsill

Richard Bulgar Towne Clarke

The ear mark of the Creatures of Giles Lawton is a Crop of the right ear entered on record May 22^d^ 1841

By Samuel Clarke Town Clerk

The ear mark of the Creatures of Stephen D. Sherman is a fore gad on the left (or near ear) entered on record Janry 11 1842

By Samuel Clarke Town Clerk

taken from Samuel Sherman dec^d^

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of David Baker is two half penneys before the Near or left Ear and entered on record June 7th 1845 By me Richd Sherman Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Soloman Hedly is a fork or Swallows tail on the Right Ear, It being the Ear marke of his Father Henry Hedly entered on record June 7th 1845 by me Richd Sherman Town Clerk

[318] The Last will & Testament of Adam mott Senyor of ye towne of portsmoth is as followeth

In ye yere of ye lord 1661 on the 2 month on ye 2 day of the month I Adam Mott of portsmoth of Road Iland beinge in pearfit & good memory haue made & writen this as my last will with my owne hand Impimes I haue Chosen Constetuted & made my faithfull freinds Edward Thurston and Richard Tew both of Newport on Rhoad Iland to haue full power togeather after my decease to see my will performed and fulfiled in Every part of it as I were my selffe aliue in perfit beinge
ffirst I will & giue to Sarah mott my wife beinge all my howsage & land at matapurcetti lyinge in ye bounds of portsmoth. less or more with all the apirtenances there vnto wc are knowne to be mine vpon ye grownd or abroud vpon ye Common, all goods or Chattells whot so Euer houssage and all moueables whot so Euer, to vse possese & inioy for hir terme of life as shee shall Neede, say out of ye stock and at ye End of hir life after hir decease, I will that the afore said Executors Edward Thurston & Richard tew shall see ye land Named and howse & houssage Equaly deuided in to three shares, to Jacob mott my owne sonne if he be Contented to Cast in whot I gaue him at the vpar Cornar of my farme & share it into three parts, if not he may take that out as his part and no more, vnto Adam mott my sonne I gaue his share all redey & part longe since which he hath liued on whos sum wos twelue Acres

ffurther I will y^{t} if any of ye Brothars shall dye before my wife of ye three Jacob mott Gearsham mott & Eleasser mott as to saye that then the three parts by ye Executors be deuided vnto ye othere two as Equaly as thay Can, allso I will that these three or two of them that injoye the land after there mothars decease shall pay vnto John mott my Sonne twenty shillings if he demaund it in such pay as in ye place passeth for pay here amonge vs
ffurther I will them to pay to Adam mott there Brother an Ewe lamb w^{t}in twelue months after there mothers decease, allso I will to Elisabeth thurston ye wife of Edward Thurston to be paid to hir or by whom shee shall assigne it vnto one Ewe lamb a yere after there mothers departure
ffurther whot she doth not vse of howshould goods or stock on ye grownd for hir owne suplyes in time of hir life, I doe desier my beloued frinds intrusted & Named Edward & Richard to perswade my wife at hir death in ye disposinge of mouables with in howse or abraod to giue it to them accordinge to discrecion whom beest deseaues it in there Care & Respect to hir while she liues, vpon which my dessier is you will haue your Eyes as my ffrinds, and harts Redey
Lastly I leaue my body to be Commited to ye Earth accordinge as thay and my wife sees good Leuinge beuriall it to be paid by whot she hath in hir hands, and after hir death I will y^{t} the said Edward Thurston and Richard Tew Receue Each of them an Ewe sheep of ye stock deliured them w^{t}in a month after there mothars departure in ye presents
Writen & sealled and signed of Adam Mott before ye Executars deliured to Edward Thurston to be kepe in ye behaulfe of both of them, Sealed the yere 1661) 1 of may
allso I giue power to my Executors, full power to giue to all and Every of my Children then livinge som gift of ye moueables Either of whot is in ye howse or abroud as thay Can moue or parswad hir [**319**] Accordinge to there & hir discretion, if she be not willinge to giue it w^{t} discretion as thay desarue, I then

giue full power to my afore said Executors Edward Thurston & Richard Tew to deuide so much and as thay see meet amonge them all, ffurther if my Children should be Crosse to there mother so y^t it should force hir to marey againe, I giue full power to my Executers to take good & full securitie for the makinge good of ye Estate so longe as she liues that my will may be performed as is declared aforehand in my will that is to take bond of him, this on the backside wos writen before sealinge

A trew Copie of ye Origenall will of Adam mott
Copied By me Richard Bulgar Towne Clarke

The Inventary of ye Estate & goods of Adam mott Senyor deseaced taken ye 12 of August 1661

	℔ – ss – d
the howse & land – – – – – –	150 – 00 – 00
fower Oxen – – – – – – –	028 – 00 – 00
fiue Cows & a bull – – – – –	030 – 00 – 00
on mare on horse & mare Coult – – –	036 – 00 – 00
two Calues at – – – – – –	002 – 00 – 00
thirty Ewe sheepe two Rams – – – –	032 – 00 – 00
six swine at – – – – – – –	004 – 00 – 00
wompom pege – – – – – –	003 – 00 – 00
wearinge Clothes bookes two Coats two suts two dublets & bretches one gowne of gray Clath & Eury days Clothes – – – – –	011 – 00 – 00
fower yards of Course cearsey at – – –	001 – 00 – 00
Eight peaire of stockines at – – – –	001 – 12 – 00
on fethar bed & furniture w^t a Rwge – –	008 – 00 – 00
a fethar bead & furniture – – – –	006 – 00 – 00
two ould flock beds & two blankits – – –	003 – 00 – 00
twenty pound of woll – – – – –	001 – 00 – 00
one brase kittle at – – – – –	001 – 00 – 00
six peutter dishes 14 ℔ one Quart two pint pots –	001 – 06 – 00
one wine pott great sault & basen at – –	000 – 10 – 00

one great Ioren ketle at – – – –	001 – 04 – 00
one Irone pot a ketle & skillet at – – –	001 – 10 – 00
one worminge pan a fryinge pan a paire of Cob Iorens & spitt at – – –	001 – 00 – 00
seuen paire of sheets two table Cloths six Napkins pillowbers at – – – – – –	004 – 00 – 00
two tables one Joine stoole & chaire – –	001 – 04 – 00
one Acre and halfe of wheat two Acres of oats two Acres of pease three acres of Indian at –	034 – 00 – 00
Cart & plow & two Chaines at – – –	003 – 10 – 00
one how and Axe two sithes – – – –	000 – 10 – 00
three Chists barrells hogsheads Churne & othere lumbar at – – – – – – –	005 – 00 – 00
Prised by vs	
william Baulston The whol sum is	371 – 06 – 00

John Portar A trew Copie By me Richard Bulgar
Towne Clarke

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Edward Anthony is a hind Gad on the left ear, entered on record Sep^{t} 1st 1845 by me
Richd Sherman Town Clerk

[320] To all people to whome these presents Shall come Rebecca Cornell of [ ] towne of portsmoth on Rhoad Island w^{t}in the Jurisdiction of ye Collony of providence plantations in New England in America widdow and Executor to Thomas Cornill of the afore said Towne of portsmoth Deceassed Sendeth Greeting

Know yea that I the said Rebecca Cornell for & in Considration of the full & Just Sum of thirty pounds to me in hand payed by Richard harte of the afore said towne of portsmoth Lether dresser, where with I the said Rebecca Cornell doe acknowledg

my selfe suffitiantly Satisfied Contented and fully paid and there of & for Evry part & parcell there of, doe Exonorate aquit and discharge the said Richard Harte hee his heyres Executors Adminestrators and Assignes for Ever, and by these presents haue fuly and absulatly barganied alianated & sould enfeofed & Confirmed, and by these presents doe Bargaine Sell Enfeof & Confirme from me the said Rebacca Cornell and my heires to him the said Richard harte and his heires for Ever, two percells of Land Containenge Eight Acres be it more or less, beinge and lying in the afore said towne of portsmoth and are bounded as ffolloweth viz ffower Acres is bounded Northward by the land of m^r^ Nicholas Harte, Southward by the land of Richard Sissan, and Eastward and westward by ye Comon, the othere fower Acres is Bounded on the North by the land of Thomas Cornell on ye East by hie way or Comon on the south by ye land of Lott Strainge & on the west by the hie way, to gather with all & singuler the apertenances priviledges Howses fruits Trees ffencinge & all othere prerogatiues & Emunities there vnto belonginge or any way Apertainenge to the said land or any part or parcell there of to him the said Richard Harte hee his heires or Asignes for Ever To be houlden of his magestie of England his heires and sucksesors, as of his manner of East Grenwich in the County of kent, in free & Comon Soccage and not in Capite nor by Knights searuice by ye Rent & Seruice there of and there by dew & of Right accostomed and warranting the sale there of against all people whot so Euer, that in by through or vnder me the said Rebecca Cornell, or by any Right or title of my deceassed husband Thomas Cornell, Clamienge any Right title or intrest of and in to the premises or any part or parcill there of and I the said Rebecca Cornell doe by these presents Couenant promis and graunt, that it shall and may be lawfull to and for the aforesaid Richard Hart Either by him selfe or his aturney to Record these presents or to Caus them to be Recorded or inRouled in the Records of the afore said towne of portsmoth, or in any othere

place of publique Records accordinge to the vssiall manner of Recordinge or Enrowlinge Evidences in such Case provided in witnes where of I the said Rebecca Cornell haue here vnto sett my hand and Seale the thirtith day of aprill 1661 one thousand six hundred Sixty one)

Signed Sealed and deliured in the pressents of
John Sanford
James I B Badcocke
his marke

Rebecca R C Cornell
her marke

A trew Copie By me Richard Bulgar
Towne Clarke

This Witnesseth that I Thomas Cornell Eldist sonn unto the aforenamed Thomas Cornell Deceased doe hereby Ratify and Confirme the aforementioned Deed in Every particle thereof And doe hereby from my selfe heires Executors and Administrators surrender up and firmly Confirme all my Right Title and intrest in and to the aforementioned Land and Every parte and percell thereof, unto the aforesaid Richard Harte his heires or Asignes forever Witness my hand the Twenty fourth of August one Thowsand six hundred sixty Three

Testis William Baulston
John Sanfford

The above written is a True Copie of the original Entred and Recorded the 20th of the 2d month: 1696: Thomas Cornel[]
℘ me John Anthony Town Cleerke.

[**321**] This deed bearinge date the thrttenth day of August in the yeer of our lord god one thousand six hundred and sixty one meade betwixt Thomas Latton of portsmoth in Rhoad Island on the one party, and william Balley of Newport in Rhoad Island, one the othere party, allso the same Thomas Laiton haue Couenanted and Agreed that the afforesaid william Bally Shall haue three score Acres of land at at his farme at huntinge Swampe Lyinge

one that side the fearme which hughe parsons liues one, beinge to be to be laid out Eight score roode in langth and three score Roode wide, & the said William Bally is to haue the same land for his owne life time, and if his wife Grace Bally keepe hir selfe a widdowe after hir husbands death then shee is allso to in Joye it the full terme of Thomas Laitons life time & three years afterwards to haue and to hould for the same time to Imploy for his best Aduantage, And it is all so agreed that the said william Bally shall not lett nor sell the same land for his time to any othere, but if the said william shall be minded to leue it, he shall Returne it vn^to the afore said thomas laiton againe, the said Thomas Laiton painge for it accordinge as two or three indiffrent men shall Judge, and it is also agreed that at the End of the afore said time, that whot bulding or fencinge there shall be, it shall not be defaced nor demineshed, but Returned vp in so good a posture as it then shall be in, with out demineshinge any thinge from it, it is also agreed that the afore said Thomas Laiton Shall for present sett vp the one halfe of the fence which is to be made betwixt there lands, and here after the afore said william Bally Shall maintaine it in witnes here of I the said Thomas Laiton haue set to my hand and seale

Sealed Signed and deliured in the presants of vs

Thomas Laitons his Hand and Seale

william Charles his marke

Thomas Nichols his marke

william Garrard

A trew Copie By me
Richard Bulgar
Towne Clarke

[**322**] This Agreement made this third day of Novembar in ye yeare on thousand Six hundred sixty and two betwen william Correy and william wood both of Portsmoth on Roade Iland witneseth that the said william wood, is to haue all that peece of land that is william Corres that lieth with out the fence

Adioynenge vnto the Common for fiue years to Improue to his best advantage duringe the said fiue yeares, And the said William Wood is to fence in the said land, and to leue the said land with a sufficent fence at the End of the said fiue yeares and allso the said william wood doth here by giue vnto the said william Correy the halfe of the fence that is Next vnto his howse that is the fence betwen the said william wood & william Correy Eight Ackres In witnes where of we haue here vnto set to our hands the day & yeare aboue writen

Witnes here vnto
Hugh Parsons
Peter foulger

The Marke of
Will W Wood
William Corry

A trew Copie by me
Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

This Witneseth that william wood haue Exchainged with William Correy a litle peice of land by the said william Correys howse from ye marked tree vpon a straight line to the fence at the brooke about twenty seuen pole of land for so much land allowed by William Correy of his Eight Ackres that Joynes to the said William Wood witnes my hand this third day of Nouembar 1662

Witnes here vnto
Hugh Parsons
Peter foulger

William wood his
marke W

A trew Copie by me
Richard Bulgar towne Clark[]

[**323**] The Ear mark of the Creatures of Isaac S. Cory is a Slit in the Right Ear, It being formerly the Ear mark of James Hedly & afterward put to Peleg Sisson, and now put to said Isaac S Cory, this 4th day of April A D 1846 & recorde

By me Richd Sherman Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Samuel Cory is a Slit Down the left Ear, It being the Ear mark of Asa Sherman now removed out of this town, and entered on record to said Samuel Cory this 11th day of May 1850 By me Richd Sherman Town Clerk

[**324**] Be it knowne vnto all men by these presents that I william Hauens of Portsmoth one Rhoad Island in New England haue lett and Least out vnto my sonne John Hauens one dwelinge howse with all the land there vnto belonginge, only the Orchard Reserued to the vse of me the said william, that is to say the howse in which I the said william liued in before I tooke a leese of James Sands his land, for the full and Compleat terme of Seauen yeares from the day of the date here of, for him the said John to posses improue and make vse of duringe the terme afore said, with all the profits priveledges and apertinances there vnto belonginge or any wayes apertainenge duringe the said terme, only the Orchard and fruts there of Excepted, And in Consideration I the said John hauens doe binde my sselfe my heires or Assignes to pay to my ffather william hauens or his Assignes fiue pounds a yeare to be paid the fiue & twenty day of march yearly in wheat peass Indian Corne or oats in all or seurall the said Graine, And at the End of the aforesaid terme of seuen yeares the said John is to Surrender the said howse and land to the said william Hauens or his Assignes, In witnes of all the aboue writen premises I the said william doe put to my hand and Seale this second day of Decembr and in the yeare of our lord god on thousand Six hundred Sixty and two

Sealed Signed and deliured in the presents of vs James Sands IS
Richard Bulgar

The marke W̄ H of william Hauens

A trew Copie by me Richard Bulgar Towne Clarke

[**325**] This Agreement made the Twenty Eight day of october in ye yeere one thousand Six hundred Sixty two Betwen

william Correy of Portsmoth on Road Island one the one parte & peter foulger of Newport on the other pt witneseth, that the said william Correy Lett or hiered out, his Now dweling house and all the Land that is now fenced in on both sides of the house, with all the priueledges and apurtinances there vnto belonginge, for fiue yeares beginenge at the day of the date here of, And the said peter ffoulger for the Rent of the said howse and land is yerely to Clere two Ackres of swamp, in manner as followeth, that is Cut down Eury yeere duringe the said fiue yeeres, two Ackres of the said Swamp and to Cut it out and lay it on heaps, And also to Sow three pound of Clear hay-seed, vpon Eury two Ackres of Swamp so Cleared, And the said peeter ffoulger is also to Riue out two hundred and a halfe Rayles, by the next springe vn the other side of ye Swamp, for to pay to those that haue pt in ye Lower fence to whom the said william Corry is ingaged, also the peeter hath free liberty to improue all ye aforesaid land to his beste Advantage, duringe the said fiue yeres, only he is to presarue all the Rayle timbar vpon the vpland vnbroken vp, Exceptinge so much as is Needfull for the Repairinge of the fences, or the makinge of any New fence, Either for the partinge of the aforesaid land from goodman Anthonys land, or any other fence to part out any of the aforesaid land, that then the said william Corry is to pay vnto the said peeter foulger at the End of the said Terme of fiue yeres, so much as the said fence or fencinge shall be Judged to be worth, prouided that it be no hedge fence It is also agreed that all the trees in the aforesaid swamp ground y^t will beare fourten Inches ouer and vpwards a foote aboue ground may be only gurdled and not fald, In witnes here vnto the partyes afore said haue InterChaingably Set to there hands the and yeare aboue writen

Signed and deliured in the presents of vs
3th of nouember 1662
Hugh Parsonn
John Anthony

William Corry
A trew Copie by me
Richard Bulgar
Towne Clarke

[**326**] To all whome these present Shall Concerne be it known[ ] that where as m^r John Roome of portsmoth Late deceased did Emeaditly before his death, make a verball will before Suffitiant Testimony, which thay haue before me vpon there Sollemn Ingadgments declared, by which will he the said John Roome did make and apoynt his wife Annis Roome whole and Sole Excequetrix vnto his whole Estate, And Now the Sayd will of the said John Roome Deceassed beinge Accordinge to law before me proued and an Inuentory of the Estate taken, and allso bond taken of the said Exequetrix to pay the debts of the Deceassed and in all poynts to performe the said will, these are there fore Accordinge to the lawes of this Collony to Authoriz and impower the afforesaid Annis Roome wife to the deceassed John Roome Accordinge to the will of the Deceassed to administer and Excecute one the afforesaid deceassed John Roomes Estate in all ample Respects accordinge to law: And in wittnes to this lettar of Administration I haue here vnto putt to my hand with the Seale of my office the second day of ffebruary in the yeare one thousand Six hundred Sixty three 1663

A trew Copie and Entred vpon
Record Accordinge to Order
By me Richard Bulgar Clarke
for the towne of portsmoth

William Hall of portsmoth Aged ffifty yeares or there abouts beinge Accordinge to law Ingaged Testifieth that beinge at the howse of m^r John Roome now deceassed Some few dayes before his death, this deponnant asked him how he had dispossed of his Estate, the said m^r Roome, affter some other adietation, said to this Deponnant take this Answer for all, my will is that all the Estate I haue after my debts are payd, I doe giue and freely bequeth vnto my wife, and further this deponnant sayth that the

sayd m^r Roome wos at the time he thus Sayd in perfect Sence and memory Taken Before me the second of ffebruary 1663 william Balston Asistant

I william Baulston doe vpon my Ingagement Testifie that m^r Roome a ffew dayes before his death declared the same words to me as affore william Hall hath testifyed witnes my hand the second of ffebruary 1663 william Baulston Asistant

A trew Copie by me Richard Bulgar Clarke for the towne of portsmoth

[**327**] This present writinge made this 24th of July in one thousand Six hundred Sixty and fiue, Bettwene Petter Talman of Portsmoth in Rhoad Island, and Joan Brigges of Tanton in Juridiction of New Plimoth, Wittneseth that I the aboue said Petter Talman, doe freely giue and make ouer to the aboue said Joan Briggs my howse and land where in I the said petter Talman Now dwelleth which said howse and land I the said petter Talman Bought of Capt: Richard morris, with all the priuiledges and apertinances there vnto belonginge or that Euer shall, as all so a ceartaine percell of land which I the said Petter Talman Bought of Danill Woolcocks adioyninge to the aboue said land, the which howse and land aboue said and all so Ceartine a pearcell of land which I the said Talman bought of william wilbor all so a ioyninge to the aboue said, the which howse and land aboue said with all the priueledges and apertenances aboue said I the aboue said Petter talman doe freely giue and make ouer, vnto the aboue said Joan Brigs and hir heires Lawfuly begotten of hir owne body by the said Petter Talman, To haue and to hould the aboue said howse and land with all the apertenances aboue said for Euer Quiatly and peacably to inioye the aboue said howse and land with out any trouble incomburance

or disquiatnes from me the said petter Talman or from any by or vnder me or my procurement, as allso I the aboue said Petter Talman doe freely giue and make ouer vnto the aboue said Joan Briggs, these things as followeth that is to say my best beed and the apertenances belonginge to it, And allso the one halfe of my housall goods, but in Case the aboue said Joan brigs doe die without heires lawfuly begotten of hir owne body as aboue said that then at the deseace of the aboue said Joan Briggs, the aboue said howse and land and the other things aboue said, shall Retturne to the Eldest sonne of the aboue said Petter Talman whose name is Petter, to him and to his heires Lawfully begotten of his owne body, and in Case the said Petter Talman Junyor dieeth with out heires lawfuly begotten of his owne body, then the said howse and land and other things aboue Named is to Retturne to the Eldest daughter of the aboue said Petter Talman whose Name is Marey and hir heires Lawfuly begotten of hir owne body and allso I the said Petter Talman doe giue and make ouer to the aboue said Joan Briggs three good Cowes and a good breeding maer to the said Joan Briggs for Euer, to dispose and giue to whom she the said Joan Briggs will: and this is the free gifte and donation of me the said Petter Talman to the said Joan Briggs, in wittnesse here of I the said Petter Talman haue sett to my hand and Seale the day and yeare aboue written

Signed Sealed & deliured in the presents of vs wittneses Samwell Hall
Shadrach wilbor
Petter Pitts

Petter Talman ⊗

Entred vpon Record By me Richard Bulgar Clarke of ye towne of portsmoth

Recorded vpon the Records of New Plimoth By Nathaniell Morton Secretary for the Jurisdiction of New Plmoth

Desember ye 11th 65 Shadrack wilbor and Samwell Hall testefied upon Oath that the Origenall here of is the acte and deed of m^r Petter talman of Rhoad Island before me James Walker

[**328**] Where as it pleased the allmighty god that Joseph waite Secon[ ] Sonn to Thomas wayt of portsmoth on Rhoad Island in ye Collony of Rhoad Island and providence plantations in New England in America wos drownded on the 25th day August last past, and Deceassed intestate with out makinge a will, how and to whome his Estate should be deuided and disposed of, Therefore for the setlment of the Estate of the Said Deceassed Joseph wayte Accordinge to whot by the law of this Collony we are Authorised, we the Counsell of ye towne of portsmoth doe here by agree and Detirmine and doe here by a poynte and Authorize Sarrah wayte widow to the afore said Deceassed Joseph wayte to be whole and Sole Excequetrix vnto the whole Estate to pay all the Debts of the Deceassed afore said and to Receue whot is from any man or person dew to him and to performe and duly to Excecute whot the Counsell here in Shall order And wee doe agree Order and Dettermine, that where as it is Conceued that the said Sarrah is with Childe by the aforesaid Joseph wayte, if so it Shall please god that it be a sonne, and liue tell it Come to ye age of one and twenty yeares, then the Sonn shall Receue and haue the sum̃ of fforty pounds payde vnto him, And if be a daughter then it Shall haue the said Sum̃ payde at marridg Estate one the day of marridge and if the Child liue not to the said age or time, the said Sum̃ of fforty pounds Shall Returne to the afore Named Excecutrix, Intestimony of this our act and mutuall agreement we haue here vnto Sett our hands this 16th of September 1665

William Baulston Asistant
Samwell wilbure Asistant
John Sanford
John Albro
John Brigs his marke

Where as Joseph Wayte of ye Towne of Portsmoth Deceassed one the 25th of August last past, and died intestate with out

makinge a will, and the Counsell of the towne hauinge Settled the Estate of the Desseaced haue Constituted apoynted and Authorized Sarrah Wayte widow to the afore said Joseph wayte whole and Sole Exceqtrix to ye Estate of ye Deceassed and hauinge taken Bond from the father of the said Exceqtrix accordinge to law, to pay the debts of ye Deceassed, and ffaithfuly & truly to performe the order of the Counsell, wee william Baulston and Samwell Wilbure Assistants, doe by these presents impower and Authorize the said Sarrah Wayte as Exceqetrixe with full Power to Adminester one the whole Estate of the afore Named Deceassed Joseph wayte In Wittnes here of we haue here vnto Sett our hands and Seales the 16th of September An° Dom̃ 1665

William Baulston Assistant ⊗
Samwell Wilbure Assistant ⊙

Copie vera transcribed out of the Origenall and Entred vpon Record Accordinge to order By me Richard Bulgar Clarke of the Towne of portsmoth

[329]

A trew Inuentary of ye Estate of Joseph wayte who wos Drounded the 25th day of August 1665 and Deceassed Intestate

		℔ : ss : d
Imp^r	a Bassen a platter and other small peuter – –	01 : 10 : 00
	a tin pann and a tin pott – – – – –	00 : 04 : 00
	It Brass Ketles and Skellitts – – – –	00 : 18 : 00
	It Tramills and Slyce – – – – –	00 : 10 : 00
	It a smoothinge Iron – – – – –	00 : 07 : 00
	It an Iron pott and an Iron Ketle – – –	00 : 15 : 00
	It Seuerall wooden ware as churne trays and Tubs &c^r	01 : 00 : 00
	It a spininge wheele – – – – –	00 : 08 : 00
	It a ffether bed Boulster pillows and Sheetes a Rugg & blanketts – – – – –	16 : 00 : 00

It a mare a yearelinge mare and a horce Coult							–	16 : 07 : 00
								37 : 19 : 00
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It Woolin Cloathes lininge Cloathes and hatts							–	10 : 00 : 00
It one Iron pott	–	–	–	–	–		–	00 : 10 : 00
It a Cup and Six Spoones			–	–	–		–	00 : 04 : 00
It a glass botle	–	–	–	–	–		–	00 : 01 : 06
It workeinge Tooles		–	–	–	–		–	02 : 10 : 00
It two Cowes	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	08 : 00 : 00
It 2 two yeare and vantidge steeres					–	–	–	08 : 00 : 00
It 7 Swine	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	03 : 10 : 00
It 1 Chest	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	00 : 10 : 00
It 2 guns	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	01 : 15 : 00
								35 : 00 : 06
It 4 Shoates and Six pigs	–		–	–	–		–	02 : 08 : 00
It 1 Calfe	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	01 : 10 : 00
It 4 ¼ of Cotten yarne		–	–	–	–		–	00 : 10 : 00
It 10 ¼ of Butter	–	–	–	–	–		–	00 : 05 : 00
It 100 ¼ of Cheese at 4d p ¼			–	–	–		–	01 : 13 : 04
It 3 Bushills of Indian Corne, and about 3 acres of Indian Corne one ye ground with Turneps							–	07 : 10 : 00
It pease in Straw	–	–	–	–	–		–	01 : 10 : 00
It Oates in Straw	–	–	–	–	–		–	01 : 04 : 00
								16 : 10 : 04
in all *It* 1 ℔ of Bandaleers			–	–	–	–	–	00 : 05 : 00
89 – 15 – 10 *It* 1 lamb	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	00 : 05 : 00
besids debts to *It* 2 Sythes	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	00 : 06 : 00
pay & Receue *It* in Boards	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	00 : 10 : 00
								01 : 06 : 00

Debts dew to be paid	– – – – –	07 : 00 : 00
Debts to Receue	– – – – – –	04 : 11 : 00
It one Cow in the hands of Sam[ll] wayte	– –	
Taken By Cap[t] John Sanford and M[r] John) Brigs the Second of September 1665	Sum too	89 : 15 : 10

Signed by John Brigs his marke
John Sanford

A Trew Copie Taken out of y[e] Origenall
and is Entred vpon Record accordinge to order
By me Richard Bulgar Clarke of the
Towne of Portsmoth

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[331] The Ninth month 1664

Know all men whom these may Concearne, my husband Shottin dyinge, and makinge no will, but left all to me, there fore, I Alice Couland with the aprobation of my husband Ralph Couland doe giue and dispose as ffolloweth

ffirst I doe take to my sselfe the land where one the Stone howse Standeth with one Rod in bredth, from the vper End of the stone howse, one both sids the howse and so all the way downe to the Street, the which Stone howse and land aboue said, is giuen and apointed for frinds in the minestrey Cauled Quakers by the world, I say for there vse that thay may be Entertained there in, in all times to Come Euen for Euer

Allso I doe apointe Rachell Shottin and hur husband if shee marey to liue in the said howse the time of there life if thay be free so to doe not Elce

Like wise to the said Stone howse I doe giue and apointe for frinds vse in the minestrey Cauled Quakers that is to say one fether bead and two pillows, three blankets one Couerled two paire of sheits two pillowbers two towels one bason one Candlstick one Chamberpott

More over I doe giue vnto Rachell the land that wos hur ffather

Samson Shottins Namly the fearme which is Sixty ackres more or less and the two Ackres of meddow one the othere side the pond all so the ould howse Next the stone howse and the Rest of the three Ackres lott, from the ould howse to the Common Northwest, all so all hur ffather Right at worwicke who wos a twelfe purcher of the lands there, And if the said Rachell marey and haue a Child or Childeren then thay to inioy it after hur, and so hur husband for his life to inioy it, like wise and if Sarah greenman doe out liue Rachell Shottin hur husband and Children, then my will is that she in ioy the said land for hur life and after hur my will is that the said land Returne to the stone howse, for the vse of frinds aboue said and if the afore said Sarah Greenman dye before Rachell and hur Children and hur husband then my will is that the said land and howses Returne to the stone howse after them for the vse of frinds aboue said

all so my will is that my husband Ralph Couland shall Equaly Share with my daughter Rachell Shottin in the affore said lands and Rights for the tearme of his life in Consideration of the paines and Cost and Charge he hath bine at vpon the said land and howses, my will all so is, that John Horndon Joseph Nicholson Christopher Howlder, my husband Ralph Couland Danill Gould Edward perrey shall see this my will performed, and in the absents of these or any of them by death or other wayes thay to Chouse others in there Romes sucksessiuely from time to time for Euer.

This is to aQuainte the overseers of my will, that since it wos writ I alice Couland haue vpon sume Consideration giuen freely vp all hur fathers Right [332] at worwick that is to say Rachell Shotten to do with it whot she will

Witneses herevnto
William Baulston
Richard Bulgar
Samwell Wilbor
philip Sherman
John Albro

The Marke of Alice Couland

August ye 12th 1667

The Last will and testement of Restcom Samford of Portsmoth one Rhoad Island in the Collony of Rhoad Island and providenc plantations in New England beinge in perfit memory is as ffolloweth: ffirst I apointe my wellbeloved Brother Samwell Sanford to be my whole Executor: to see my debts paid and my will performed, As allso my will is: that my said Brother Samuell shall haue my mare and my siluer Cup and my bed & Boulster, Secondly I doe bequeth to my Brother Esbon fower Ew sheep, allso I doe apointe my Sister Eliphel Straton and hur three Children Each of them an Ew sheep and one siluer Spoone to my said Sister Eliphel, ffurther my will is that my Sister Sara wife to my fore said Brother Samwell Sanford shall haue my mare Coult & a fiue shillinge peece of gould, and Each of hur Children one Ew lamb, And as Concearninge my Brother Esbon in Cace he is not heard of in the space of one yeare after my decease then these fower sheep assigned to him shall be Equaly deuided betwen my brother Samuell and sister Eliphel, prouided that if at any time afterward he the said Esbon shall Com againe then my Brother Samuel and Sister Eliphel shall both of them Returne to him the said Esbon those sheep thus deuided to them or to the vallew there of and as for the Remainder of my Estate now **[333]** in my hands, my will is that my brother Samuell shall there out pay all my debts whether dew to him selfe or any other, And in Cace any thinge shall Remaine after all Needfull Expences are deffraed then the Remainder to be Equaly deuided betwixt the said Samuell and my Sister Eliphel, And ffurther where as I am informed, that there is a legacy dew to me, by the gift of my vnckle Samwell Hutchinson my will is that if so it be, that then that Estate be Equaly deuided betwixt my fiue brothers and my Sister Namely Samuel Peleg, william Esbon and Elisha Sanford, and my Sistar Eliphel Stratton to be as the Rest of hur legacy at hur dispoinge for the vse and benefit of hur Children,

And that this aboue writen is my minde and will, to be performed as Soone as may Conveniantly be after my death witnes my hand and Seale the day and yeare first aboue writen

Sealed & Signed in ye presents of
William Hall
william wodell

Restcom Sanford ⊕

A trew Copie of ye Origenall
by me Richard Bulger
towne Clarke

A trew Inventary of ye Estate of Restcom Sanford of portsmoth one Rhoad Island Latly deceaced

	Imp^r a parcell of indian Corne vpon ye ground –	02 – 00 – 00
	It a parcell of Railes vpon his land – – –	02 – 05 – 00
	It 10 Ew sheep & 4 lambs – – – –	05 – 16 – 00
	It his woollen aparill – – – – –	05 – 00 – 00
	It one ould bead & Boulster at – – –	03 – 00 – 00
	It one Rug and one blanket at – – –	02 – 00 – 00
	It 3 hatts at – – – – – – –	00 – 16 – 00
	It 4 Neckcloths and one Cap – – – –	00 – 07 – 00
	It 3 Bookes at – – – – – –	00 – 06 – 08
	It one bridle and Sadle at – – – –	00 – 16 – 00
	It one paire of shews ould stockins gloues – and a paire of mittens – – – – –	00 – 16 – 08
	It 3 galle pots 1 knife Sissers & bodkin – –	00 – 03 – 00
	It 3 small sheets & two shirts at – – –	01 – 04 – 00
	It 2 Chests and a box at – – – – –	00 – 17 – 00
	It one glas bottle at – – – – –	00 – 01 – 06
	It one small Sow at – – – – –	00 – 13 – 06
	It one siluer Cup & one siluer spoone at – –	01 – 15 – 09
	It one mare and Coult at – – – –	07 – 00 – 00
	It one pece of gould at – – – – –	00 – 05 – 00
Som tootall		35 – 03 – 01

September 24th 1667

the Sum tootall is 35 pounds 3 shillings and a peney as it as it is Estemed by the Judgment of Edward fisher and william hall witnes there hands here vnder writen,

this is a trew Copie — Edward fisher E marke
by me Richard Bulgar — william hall

[334] Know all men whom these may Concerne that I Robert hodgson, doe giue full power, to Ralph Couland to posses and injoy the percel of land at the farme, from the goinge in at the barrs which now is downe to the howse the bredth to hould downe to the Sea, and allso vpward to the Comon, with the howsinge and Barnes there standinge the said land and howsinge to injoy for the tearme of his life, in Consideration of the Expence and Charges the said Ralph Couland hath bine at, one the said lands and howses which wos Samson Shottons, both here and Elce where, And I the said Robert Hodgson am to haue Liberty to buld a howse on the said fearme land if I see Cause, and to haue Egress and Regress to the said howse with out mollestation from the said Ralph Couland, or any for him, In witnes here of we haue here vnto Sett our hands the 8th of October 1667

Signed in ye presents off — Robert Hodgson
John Sanford — Ralph Couland
William Wodell
John Albro — A trew Copie Entred vpon Record
Robart Hazard — by me Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

Nouember ye 10th 1667

Know all whom this Concerns where as Robert Hodgson hath giuen liberty to Ralph Couland to posses and injoy for the time of his life, that land at the farme, from ye barrs Now goinge in downe to the howse, the bredth to hould downe to the Sea, and allso to hould vpwards to the End of the said fearme to the Comon, And this the said Robert Hodgson hath giuen vnder his

hand before the towne Councell, in Consideration of Coste and Charges the said Ralph Couland hath bine at, Now wee two of the afore said towne Councell which are witneses to the saide agreement beinge dessired haue mesured the bredth of ye said land, from the said barrs to ye lane of Adam mott and wee finde it to be three and thirty Rods witnes our hands

Samwell wilbure
Robert Hazard

A trew Copie Entred vpon Record
by me Richard Bulgar Towne Clarke

[335] At a meetinge of ye Towne Counsell of ye Towne of Portsmoth hilld in ye said Towne ye 7th day of October 1667

Vpon ye motion & Request of Robert Hodgson husband to Rachill ye only Child & daughter to Samson Shotton late inhabittant of ye said portsmoth and some yeares since Deceassed ffor there assistance in ye dew Setlement of ye said Rachill in ye trew possesion of whot lands hur said ffather was posessed off or other wise had Just Right vnto

Wee the Said Counsell hauinge Deuly Examined ye matter and made Dillegent Search, in to ye grounds of ye mottion Can not finde that ye said Samson Shotton made any will but deceassed intestates as wee finde declared vnder the hand of Alice ye late widdow to ye said Samson Shotton and Mother to ye said Rachill, And allso that there is no Child of his now Suruiuinge Saue only ye said Rachill Therefore wee Doe Declare the said Rachill whole and Sole heire vnto ye afore said Deceassed Samson Shotton, and ye afore said Robart Hodgson and Rachill his wife, haue here by power to Adminester on posses and injoy whot Euer to the said Rachill is apertaininge as beinge heire to hir afore said Deceased ffather Samson Shotton, and this wee as by law are impowered haue mutuly agreed vnto wittnes our hands

William Baulston
John Sanford
Samull Wilbor
John Albro
Robert Hazard
William Wodell

A trew Copie and Entred vpon Record
by me Richard Bulgar Recorder
to ye Towne of portsmoth

[336] Be it Knowne vnto all men by these presents that I Mary hobson of Newport on Rhoad Island, daughter of ye late Desesed Henry Hobson do vallentaryly with the Consente of my mother Mary Hobson and m^{is}, Elizabeth Conagraue, at whose disposinge I am, Indenture Covinant and binde my selfe vnto Latham Clarke Seny^{r} of Rhoad Island for the space of fiue yeares, duringe which time I doe promis and ingage vnto my said master to searue him trewly and faithfully, in any Seruis or imployment as my said master or his assignes shall See good to imploy me about which is lawfull duringe the said time of my Searuis and I do ingage and promis to obsearue all and Eury of my said master or his Assignes lawfull Commaunds I do promis to fallow my said masters Imployment and not to Neglect my Selfe from my said masters implyments with out his Consent, or to Keep Company with deboyst or vnCivell Company in all and Eury and all of these promeses, I do Ingage to keepe and performe to ye best of my Abillety and the instructions of my, said master or his assignes, In Consideration of the said apprentis trew and lawfull performance I doe ingage to finde hur meate drinke and aparill sutable for such a seruant, for the space of fiue yeares as is aboue mentioned from the date here of, and I doe ingage to giue the said Searuant at ye performinge of ye said time or yeares one New Sutte of aparrille suttable to weare one hollidayes or other dayes, and to the trew performance here of

wee doe heare Enterchangably Sett to our hands and Sealls this 26th of aprill in twenty one yeare of the Raigne of Charls the second one thousand Six hundred Sixty and Eight

Witnes the marke ⅿ of
william vohan
Jeremiah Clarke

the marke Kn of mary
Hobson

Entred vpon Record this 16th of may 1668
by me Richard Bulgar Clarke for the
towne of portsmoth/

[**337**] This writinge made the three and twenty day of aprill in the yeare of our lord god one thousand and Six hundred Sixty Eight, Testefieth that I Hugh Mosher Neare the towne of Portsmoth in the Collony of Rhoad Island and providence plantations, witneseth that I the said Hugh Mosher doe binde my sselfe and my Successors that Shall injoy the howse and land which I latly bought of Thomas Lawton of the said Island and Collony for to make and maintaine Continually a Sufficient fence accordinge to the towne Order betwene my land and the said Thomas Lawton his ffearme that is to say the whole bredth of my land from Dauid Vaughans Corner of his land and so all alonge to ye land of Lott Strainge, and doth acknowledg to haue Receued full Sattisfaction for the same, and whot is Expresed in this ingagement is to Remaine for Euer, and to the same haue sett my hand the day and yeare aboue writen

Tho Lawton to Hugh Mosher

this is Canceled August 27th 1668

Hugh mosher

witnes the Marke of
Rebekah R mosher
frances Gisborn

Entred vpon Record this
30th of may 1668 by me
Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

This is Null and made voyde and another of ye same Tenure Entred in to ye Booke of land Euidences See page the 81

by a muttall Consent
of both partyes

by Richard Bulgar Towne
Clarke

[338] Know all men by these presents that I william Corry of portsmoth in Rhoad Island in ye Collony of Rhoad Island and providence plantations in New England Carpenter haue lett vnto John pearce of ye same Towne Island & Collony mason one dwellinge howse with thirty Eight ackres of land more or less Cittuate and with in the Bounds of portsmoth aboue said, the one End buttinge vpon ye land of Thomas Lawton and the other vpon ye Common, the one side bounded by the land of John vaine, and the othere side bounded partly by ye land of William wood, and partly by land in ye possestion of Hugh pearsons the which pearcell of land bounded as aboue said to gather with ye dwellinge howse standinge there one with all ye ffencinge there to belonginge I the said william doe by these presents lett vnto the aboue said John for and duringe the full tearme of Seauen yeares to begine the twenty and Ninth day of September in ye yeare of our lord one thousand Six hundred Sixty and Eight and from that day forward for the full terme of Seauen yeares Next Ensuinge duringe the which tearme the said william doe by these presents giue full power and athoritie vnto ye said John to vse and imploy the aboue said howse and land with Eury part and pearcell there to belonginge in any way or mannere as may be most for his best benifitt and advantage, only Resaruinge all such Timber growinge there one Sauinge that growinge vpon such land that ye said John shall Cleare for his owne vse and Searuice, ffor and in Consideration where of the said John doth Ingage him sselfe to pay or Caus to be paide to the said william or his assignes as ffolloweth ffor the first yeare the said John is to vnderpine the said dwellinge howse with Stone and morter, and allso to make and Repaire all Such ffences as shall be needfull about the said land, and as for ye ffower Next yeares the said John must pay or Cause to be payde fiue pounds a yeare yearely in mearchantable pay and for the Sixt yeare Six pounds in mearchantable pay, and for ye seuenth yeare ye said John is to pay or Caus to be payed seuen pounds in mearchantable pay, and at the End of the said Terme

to deliuer the said howse and land with all ye ffences in sufficient Repaire [339] in to ye hands and possesion of ye said william or his assignes that this aboue written is our muttuall agreement wee the aboue bounden doe Joyntly Confirme by settinge to our hands and Seals this fowrtenth day of aprill in ye yeare of our lord one thousand Six hundred Sixty and Eight

Signed Sealed and Joyntly deliured in presents of vs
Mathew Greenell
his M Marke
William Hall

William Corry

John Pearce
his O Marke

Entred vpon Record by me
Richard Bulgar Recorder
for ye Towne of portsmoth

[340] This Indenture made ye ffirst day of ye month Cauled August in ye yeare one thousand Six hundre[ ] Sixty three: betwen william wodell of Portsmoth on Rhoad Island in New England Husbandman, one the one party, And Thomas Ginings and his Sonne Gabriell of ye afforesaid towne one the other parte witneseth that Thomas Ginings affore said, hath by these presents putt his said Sonne Gabrill as an aprentice vnto ye affore said william wodell: for the full and Just Tearme and time of ffowertene yeares and two months from ye day of ye date here of to be Compleatly Ended Duringe which tearme of time the said Gabriell is faithfuly and trewly as an aprentice to Searue the said william wodell, his wife, heire or whome so Euer of his Children he the said wod^del shall apoynte the said Gabriell to Searue, And he the said Gabriell Ginings is to be obedient vnto all the Just Comaunds of ye said wodell, his wife heires or whome as affore said he shall apoynte him to Searue, And in all things he the said Gabrill is Dewly and trewly to behaue him selfe as such an aprentice ought to do, Duringe the said Tearme and time:

Duringe all which Tearme and time the affore said william wodell his wife heires or whom he shall dispose of the said Gabriell vnto as affore premised, is faithfuly and truly to provide the Said Gabriell Suffitiente foode and Raiment Suteable for such an aprentice, and at the End of ye tearme when the said Gabriell hath searued the full time affore said, then the said william wodell, his wife heires or whom as affore said he shall apointe the said Gabriell to Searue is to deliuer vnto ye said Gabriell in ye afforesaid towne of portsmoth, two sutes of aparrille one Cow and one mare foole weaneable And if the said Gabriell should be taken a way by death with in two yeares of ye End of ye affore said Tearme, then ye said william wodell, his wife heires or whom he shall as affore said apoynte the said Gabriell to searue, is to deliuer a Cow or a mare foole to whom so Euer the said Gabriell shall giue it, or to be othere wise dissposed of by those in in power such Cases, And ffurther this may testifie that this indenture wos made with the free and vollentary Consent of Ann Ginings the wife of ye said Thomas Ginings and mother of ye said Gabriell, as all so with the said Gabriells ffree Consente and in Testemony to ye truth of this Indenture the affore said parties haue Enterchaingably sett to there hands and Seales [341] In Portsmoth afforesaid the day and yeare abowe writen which is the ffirst day of August in ye yeare affore said

Signed Sealed and deliured
in presents off

John R Roome
his marke

John Sanford

Thomas T Ginings
his marke

Gabriell Gininges
his marke

Ani jenings: X

A Trew Copie and Entred vpon Record the one and twenty day of December 1668 by me Richard Bulgar Towne Clarke

[**342**] This Indenture witneseth that I Henry Straight of of Rhoad Island in New England of my owne free and voluntary will put my Selfe an apprentice to and with Gershom Woddell of the said Island, to Searue him or his Assignes from ye Day of the Date here of, vntell the full End and tearme of Six yeares from thence Next followinge to be Compleate and Ended, Duringe which time the said apprentice his said Master faithfully shall Serue, his Secrets keepe, his lawfull Comaunds verey gladly doe, he Shall doe no Dammage to his Said master, nor See to be done of others, but that he to his power shall lett or forthwith giue notice to his said master, he shall not waste the goods of his said master, nor lend them vnlawfuly to any, he shall not Commit fornication nor Contract matrimony with in ye Said Tearme, he shall not play at Cardes Dice Tables or any othere vnlawfull games where by his said master may haue any losse with his owne goods or others duringe the said Tearme with out his masters Licence, he shall neither Buy nor Sell, he shall not haunt Tauerns Alehouses nor absent him sselfe from his said masters searuice day nor nighte vnlawfully, but in all things as a faithfull apprentice he shall be haue him selfe towards his said master and all his Duringe ye said Tearme, And the said Gershom woddell doth binde him sselfe vnto his said apprentice to finde and allow him Meat Drinke apparille Lodging and all othere nessacaries Conveniant duringe ye said Tearme, and at ye Next Springe of ye yeare to giue vnto the said apprentice one Ewe Lamb and the Keepinge of it with ye increace Duringe the time aboue Spessefied only all ye woll shall Redowne to ye said Gershom woddell or his assignes, and at ye Expiration of the said Six yeares to giue vnto ye said apprentice one New Coote, and one new paire of Bretches with all othere his wearinge Clothes in witnes where of ye parties aboue Named to this presant indenture interchaingably haue put there hands and Seales the fower and twentie^th^ day of December in ye yeare of our lord 1667

Sealed and Deliured
in ye presents of

The marke of
Thomas Henley

the marke of
Eliza: Lawton

fran: Gisborn

The marke of
Henry Straight

A Trew Copie and Entred vpon
Record this 21th of Decembar
1668 by me Richard Bulgar
Towne Clarke

[343] To all people to whome These presents Shall come William Earll of portsmouth In the Collony of providence plantacons in New-England in Amerrica yeoman Sendeth Greetinge

Know Yea that I the Sayd William Earll for and in Consideration of full and just Satisfaction by me in hand Received Whereby I doe acknowlidge my my Selfe Satisfyed Contented and fully payd by William Correy of the afore-sayd Towne of portsmouth house Carpenter, and thereof and of Every part and percell thereof doe fully Exonerate acquitt and Discharge him the Sayd William Correy his heires Executors Administrators and Asignes for-ever Have Bargained alianated Sold Enfeoffed and Confirmed and by these presents doe Bargaine Sell alianate Enfeoff and Confirme vnto the Sayd William Correy his heires and asignes forever, one Therd part of a whole Share Lott or purchassers proportion of Land in and belonginge to the Lands formerly Called by the Names of Acushnett ponagansett Acocksett &c Since Comonly Called by the Name of the Towne of Dartmoth Lyinge Cittuate and beinge within the jurisdiction of the Collony of New-plymoth, in New-England in Amerrica aforesayd: The first Devission of the Sayd Lands to the Day of the date hereof beinge lyinge and Cittuate on the Westermost part of my Lands at the place Comonly Called the Westermost Arme. within the Sayd Towne-shipp of Dartmouth together with all and

Singular the medowes belonginge to the Sayd therd part of a Share and all whatso ever the apurtanances previleges prerogatives Emuneties and benifitts to the afore-sayd therd part of a Share in Lands Devided and vndevided throughout the whole bounds and Limitts of the Sayd Towne-shipp of Dartmoth To be to him the Sayd William Correy his heires Executors Administrators and asignes forever To have and to hould and peaceably and quietly to injoy and poses ffree from any Lett hindrance or Mollestation from or by me or any person or persons Deriveinge any power from me: To be houlden of his Maj^te of England his heires and Successors as of his Manner of East Greenwich in his County of Kent in free and Comon Soccage and not in Capett nor by Knights Service by the Rents and Services thereof and thereby due and of Right accustomed Warranting the Sale of the premises against all people: whatsoever That in by through or vnder mee the Sayd William Earll or by my Right or Title claimeinge any Right Title or intrest to the premises or any part thereof: And the Sayd William Earll Doe Covinnant promiss and graunt That it Shall and may be Lawfull for the Sayd William Correy Either by him selfe or his Aturney to Record these pressents or Cause them to be Recorded or inrowled in the Records of the Court for the Jurisdiction of New-plymoth or in any other place of publick Record, accordinge to the ussuall manner of Recordinge or inrowlinge Evidences in Such Case provided In Wittnes whereof I the Sayd William Earll have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale this fourth day of Decemb^r in the yeare of our Lord one Thowsand Six hundred Sixty Nine 1669

Signed Sealed and Delivered Wiliam Earll. (S)
in the pressence of us
Thomas ffish Senr
Joseph. Houlderbee.

A True Copie ꝑ me John Sanford Towne clerke.

[344] Be It Knowne vnto all men by these presents that I Henry peran of prudance Island planter within the Collony of providence plantacons in Amerrica have for divers good Causes and Considerations me thereunto moveinge: Have Bargained and Sold And Doe by these pressents Bargaine and Sell vnto Ralph Earll of portsmouth on Rhod-Island within the afore-sayd Collony in Amerrica planter. one great Lott Containinge by Esteemation Eighty Acres be it more or less Cittuate in portsmouth in the afore-Island Butting upon the South side of the head of the Mill Swamp and bounded upon Newport path East and Sollitary hole South-west with all other the proffits and Comodities or apurtanances to the Sayd Land belonging or any waise apertaninge And by these presents Grauntinge unto the Sayd Ralph. Earll his heires Executors and administrators all my former Right and Title claime intrest or demaund for in or to the afore-sayd Land with all the apurtanances and Every part and percell thereof and Confering the Same vpon the Sayd Ralph. Earll. his heires Executors and administrators to be his or their proper Right Title or Estate to have and to hould and peaceably to injoy forever from me the afore-sayd Henry peran my heires Executors administrators and asignes To him the Sayd Ralph Earll. his heires Executors administrators and asignes, all other Bargains Covinants Mortgages or other agreements made or to be made by the Sayd Henry or through my meanes to the Contrary of this Deed of Sale to be voyd and of Noe Efect In Testimony wherof the Sayd Henry peran doth for him selfe his heires Executors administrators and asignes Subscribe his hand and Sett to his Seale·

The marke of
Henry peran ⁊ (seal)

ealed Signed and Delivered and posession given
the pressence of us this Seventh day of March
ne Thowsand Six hundred and fifty.

Richard Harte
Joseph Ladd
Richard Bulgar

A True Copie As Atests John Sanford Towne Clerke.

Know all men by this pressent Writtinge that I Ralph Earll. of portsmouth doe hereby Resigne and Deliver all my Right Title and intrest of this writeinge and of all the Land which is herin Specified vnto Thomas Lawton of portsmouth Exceptinge Twenty Acres which William. Cadman have In Witnes whereof I have hereunto Sett mine hand ffebruary the Nineteene one Thowsand Six hundred and fifty three.

Delivered in the pressence of us Ralph. Earll.
Mathew Bridgman
William Cadman

Be it Knowne vnto all men by this pressents That I Thomas Lawton Doe hereby Resigne Deliver Sell and pass away all my Right Title and intrest of this writeing and Deed and all the Land herein Exprest Except twenty Acres which William Cadman have vnto William ffreeborne of portsmouth in Rhod-Island Witness my hand the Sixteenth day of November one Thowsand Six hundred fifty fower.

Witnes. Katerin Almy E marke The marke of Thomas Lawton T
Elizabeth Lawton e
her marke
Mathew Bridgman
Delivered in the ꝑsence of us.

The two above-written are Copies of asigments indorssed on the backside of the afore-written Deed As Atests John Sanford Towne clerke.

[345] Know all men whome These pressents Shall Concerne That I Richard Hawkins of portsmouth in the Isle of Rhods Tanner, Doe for divers good Causis and Considerations me therunto moveinge Give Ratify and Establish all that my now dwelling house with Thirty Acres of grownd thereunto Belonginge vnto and vpon my Sonn Job Hawkins That is to Say three

acres Joyninge to the house Eight acres in the Comon ffence and Twenty acres upon the South side of this Said Island the Said house and Ground he the Said Job Shall have and hould to him and his heires Executors. Administrators or assignes fforever, after the Decease of me the Said Richard and Jane my wife. that is to Say owne ffather and Mother to the Said Job. And that the truth of this my Deed of Gift be firme and Stable. I the Said Richard Hawkins have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale. this fowerteenth day of Decem^r Ann^o Dom^i 1644

Signed Sealled and Delivered Richard Hawkins (Se)
in the pressence off.
William Brenton
Samuell Wilbore.
Henry Walton A True Copie of the Origonall Entred and
Thomas Brooke. Recorded ℘ me John Sanford Towne Clerke

[346] To whome these Shall Concerne I Testify that the Litle Island lying in the Bay on the North side of the Wadeinge River was given m^r Wm Dyre by the purchassers Wittnes my hand 3[ ] Octob^r 1650 John Sanford

I doe Atest that the above-written premises were by my ffathers order and Comaund; by me Written my ffather then beinge Sick and ill —

Wittnes my hand the 4th of October 1669 John Sanford

I Doe affirme alsoe that as We past along by the afore-sayd Island the purchassers gave the Sayd Island to m^r Willi^m Dyre.

John porter,

I doe affirme that Wee the purchassers of Rhod-Island (my Selfe being the cheife) William Dyre Desireinge a Spott of Land of us as We passed by it, after Wee had purchassed the Sayd-Island; did grant him our Right in the Sayd Island and Named it Dyres. Island Wittnes my hand Octo^r 18th 1669

William Coddington

I Richard Carder beinge a purchasser doe owne the above-sayd Writtinge — November : 2 : 1669 by me Richard Carder.

Captn: Randall Houldon of Warwick in the province of Rhod-Island and providence plantacoñs. aged 57 yeares or thereabouts beinge Ingaged according to Law Testifyeth as ffolloweth: That the purchassers gave that litle Island Called Dyres Island to m^{r} William Dyre Senio^{r} that was then one of us and ffurther Sayth Not. Taken the 24th of June . 1669

℔ me Jno Cranston Asistan^{t}

Newport on Rhod-Island 10th Novemb^{r} 1669 (v^{t} vulg) This is to Testify that I Roger Williams being acquainted (by the good providence of god) with the first Conception Birth and Growth of Rhod-Island (alias Aquednick) doe Asert and affirme as in the holy pressence of god that by the Consent of the first purchassers of Rhod-Island (dead and Liveinge) the litle Island Comonly Called Dyres Island was from the first and alwais (sometimes in merriment) but alwaies in Earnist, granted to be not only in Name but alsoe in truth and Reality the proper Right and inheritance of m^{r} William Dyre of Newport on Rhod-Island.

Roger Williams Asistant.

William Cooly aged 66 yeares on thereabouts being Ingaged Testifyeth that in the first yeare of the Setlinge of this plantacoñ. of Newport he being master of a boate and Jeffery Champlin and Richard Searlls beinge of his Company and Stopinge at the Island Called Dyres Island m^{r} William Dyre in pressence of them tooke posession of the Sayd Dyres Island and further Sayth Not Taken before me this 6^{t} of Decemb^{r} 1669

John Greene Asistant.

To all people. Know yee: That I William Dyre. of Newport on Rhod-Island in the Collony of Rhod-Island and providence

plantacoñs. in New England Gent~ Have and by these pressents doe fully freely absolutly Give grant Enfeof and Establish to my Well beloved Sonn William Dyre all that my Island Comonly Called Dyres Island lyinge and being Sittuated in the Narrogansett Bay vpon the Northern Side of Rhod-Island over against prudence. Island for him the Sayd William Dyre and his heires forever to poses hould and injoy together with all the Iimuneties previleges or prerogatives of Land as well vpland as Marsh or meddowes upon the Sayd Island with the Waters therin or therto apertaininge. In Confirmation of this free Gift grant and indefeassable title I the Sayd William ffirst above-Sayd have Sett to my hand and Seale. this pressent fifth day of August in the yeare of our Lord god one Thowsand Six hundred and Seventy and in the Two and Twentith yeare of his Maj^tes Raigne Charles the Second

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the pressence off. Daniell King
John perteus

William Dyre ~ (S)

[347] In the Name of god Amen I John Walker of portsmouth on Rhod Island in the province of providence plantacons beinge of whole and perfitt memmory have made and ordained this my Last Will and Testament in forme and manner followinge Imprimus I Will & bequeath, my Soull into the hands of my most Mighty Creator, and Mercifull Redeemer alsoe I will my Body to be comly buried in Some Convenient, place at the discretion of my Executor Item I will that my wife Kathrine Walker be my whole & Sole Executor, Item I Will vnto my Daughter Mary Walker, Twenty Acres of Land at the vper End of my Lott to be Meassured from the Comon Downwards Item I Will vnto my Daughter Sands. Twenty Acres of Land begininge next to m^r Brownings at the Sea Side and from thence up to the Mill path, and there to Butt against my Daughter Marys twenty Acres, Item I Will that if my Daughter Sands dyes

Childless then that this Twenty Acres shall fall vnto her Husband James Sands & his heires forever, Alsoe I Will that the worke that my Sonn in Law James Sands is now a doeinge he shall have the benefitt of it as wee have formerly agreed I Will alsoe that my house with the Land that is left shall be my wives for her lifs time and after her decease to fall to my two daughters to be Equally devided betweene them I Will that my Daughter marys Land shall fall vnto her at her Marriage or at Twenty yeares of age if she marrie not before. I Will that all these be faithfuly fulfiled according to my Will In Wittnes hereunto I have Sett my hand Seale this pressent day beinge in the Yeare of our Lord 1647 upon the 18th day of March

The marke of ✝ John Walker: : (S)

In the pressence of.

John porter: Adam Mott
William ffreeborne.
Thomas ✝ Brownells Marke
Thomas ○ Staffords Marke

A True Copie of the Origonall Entred & Recorded. Decemr. the. 18th 1671 ℘ me John Sanford T° Clerke.

In the Name of God Amen I Kathrin Walker of portsmouth on Rhod-Island beinge in health and memory have made this my last Will and Testamant in forme and manner followinge first I bequeath my Soule to God and my Body to be burried in some Convenient place at the Discression of my Executor, Item I Will to my daughter Sarah Sands My fether bed a coverlid and vnder blankitt and a pillow and sheets the warning pan a Brass morter one Brass litle Ketle alsoe I will the table to Sarah, Item I give to Sarah the Red Cow and a browne heifer, I give to Sarahs owne proper use this Sumers Calfe. I give Sarah two Pillowbeares a fine & a Course Item I will halfe the Corne this yeare growinge to Sarah and the other to my daughter mary & a load of hay to Sarah, I give to Sarah the halfe part of the new out house, Mary to give her thirty shills. for her part or take

Soe much as shee sees good. I give three Wedges to James Sands and a paire of tongues I give to mary the rest of the Bedinge and three Sheets two pillowbeares a fine & a Course one a chest all the pewter, in the house that is mine. a great Brass Ketle a Scellitt a Iron Ketle & a Scoomer a chafing dish Tramills a Spade a frying pann one hogshead one Butter firkin to mary three milke vessells I give a Sow and barrow to mary and a Sow and barrow to Sarah, I give the Saw to Mary and the Smoth Iron James the hobing Iron, Mary the pincers James the Spitt a green Jackitt to Goodm ffreeborne to Mary my Wareing clothes Two allce one Jackitt to Sarah my new Red wastcoate Item I give mary the Knedinge trough alsoe the blacke Cow Starr, a Red heiffer alsoe I will that within three daies or a weeke these things that I have willed be devided alsoe I Will that William ffreeborne and Adam Mott Senr See as feoffees in trust that that this my Will fulfillid I Will my two daughters Sarah and Mary be my Executors:

Wittnesses William ffreeborne (S)
Adam Mott, Richard pearce

Ralph Earll

John Archar

The two Wills of John Walker, and Kathrin his wife Written & Specified in this Sheete of paper; have been presented to my Veiw and I doe Conceive them to be their Wills and doe aprove the Recording of them Wittnes my hand the 16th of Decem^r 1671. William Baulston Asistant

[348] To all Christian people to whome these pressents Shall come and may Concene Bee it Knowne That I James Sands of Block Island in the Collony of Rhod Island and providence plantacons in New England Have and by these pressents Doe Name Constitute impower and appoint my trusty and well be-

loved ffreind Nathanill Niles of the aforesd Block-Island my true and Lawfull Aturney for me and in my name and to my proper use and behoofe to make purchass of all or any part of the Lands and Estate of Samuell Dering now Liveinge in Brantree which belongeth and apertaineth vnto him the Said Deringe in on or vpon the afore-said Block Island: And alsoe I doe by these pressents fully Authorize and impower my Said Aturney Natha~ Niles to make Sale of Lands housis and other Estate to me Belonginge on Rhod-Island in as full and as ample a manner as if my Selfe were personally pressent and Did the Same: Giveinge and by these pressents grantinge my full power and Authorety to my said Aturney for me and in my Name to doe and act in the premisses to my proper use and behoofe in all Respects as if my selfe were personally pressent and did and acted the Same: And alsoe I doe hereby Mannifest and declare to all whome it may Concerne that whatever my Said Aturney to my proper use and behoofe Shall Lawfully doe or Cause to be done in and Concerninge the premisses above-Mentioned Shall be as good firme and Stable in the Law to all intents and purposis whatsoever Relateinge to me my heires Executors & Administrators as if my Selfe were personally pressent and Did and acted the Same: And I doe hereby ingage my Selfe my heires Executors and Administrators to stand to make good and fully performe whatsoever my Said Aturney shall in my name and to my proper use and behoofe Lawfully doe or Cause to be done in an Concerninge the abovementioned purchass or Sale. and shall at all times be Redy and willinge further to Ratify and Confirme the Same to all intents and purposses as in Law is Needfull & Requissitt and ought to be done And in Confirmation of this my act and Instrument I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale the Thirteenth day of Octo^r in the Three & Twentith yeare of the Raigne of our Soverraigne Charles the Second King of England Scotland ffraunce and Ireland &c And Ann^o Dom̃ one Thowsand Six hundred Seventy one. 1671

Signed Sealled and Delivered in the pressence of us
Thomas Sumers
The marke of R Robert Venninge

James Sands (S)

A True Copie of the Origonall Entred and Recorded the 19th Decemr: 1671
Ꝑ me John Sanford Tc: Clerke.

Bee It Knowne vnto all whome this pressent Writtinge Shall or may Concerne That I Joseph Devell of the Towne of Newport on Rhod-Island Doe Covinnant promiss and Ingage my Selfe my Heires Executors Administrators vnto my ffather in Law Lt ffrancis Brayton of the Towne of portsmouth on the aforesaid. Rhod-Island his heires or assignes for and on the Behalfe of my Daughter Mary Devell That I will pay or truly Cause to be payd vnto my Said Daughter when She coms to the age of ffifteene yeares the full and Just Sum of ffive pownds Sturlr to be paid in good Currant Merchantable pay at the Currant price on the Said Rhod-Island at the time when the Said Sum. is to be paid and the Said Sum to be paid vnto my Said ffather in Law if he be then Liveinge or Else to whome he Shall assigne to Receive it for and on the behalfe and for the use of my Said Childe mary. And if my Said Child mary Shall Dye before she come to the age of ffifteene yeares then the Said ffive pownds Shall be paid and Sett apart for the use and behoofe of my Sonn Joseph, And ffurther I doe hereby Ingage to deliver vnto my Said ffather in Law for the vse of my said Child mary all the apparrill of her Mother my Late deceassed wife as well of woolin as Linin Silkes and all other apparrill to my Said wife belonginge at her Deceasse. Only It is provided that if my Sd Childe mary Shall Dye before the clothinge or apparrill be worne out or she of age to Receive them, what is Remaininge shall Returne to my aforesd. Sonn Joseph. And I doe hereby ffreely give and Comend my Said Daughter to the Care and ordering of my

Said ffather in Law Dureinge the life of her Gran Mother Now liveinge or vntill my Childe Chainge her Condicon by Marriage: And the Said ffrancis Brayton doth hereby Ingage that at the time of his Deceasse he will truly pay or Cause to be paid to [**349**] To his Said Gran Childe Mary the Sum of ffive pownds in Currant pay and to be paid vnto her at ffifteene yeares of age. if the Said Brayton Dye before In Wittnes Where of Wee have hereunto sett our hands the Sixt Day of January 1671

Red Signed ~~Sealled~~ and Delivered in pressence off. — ffrancis his F marke Brayton

James Barker — Joseph Devell.

Obadiah Hulme

John Sanford: Vera. Copie As Atests January the 12th 1671 } John Sanford Towne Clerke.

Know all men by these pressents that wee whose Names are vnder written Doe appoint our Loveinge Brother Richard Cornell to be our Lawfull Aturney for the Recovering all Such Legusies as is Specified by the will of our Deceassed mother or any waie Else whatsoever. and Wee doe give our Aturney power to give discharge to any that it may Concerne Giveinge and grantinge as full for the Recoveringe of the Same to our Aturney as if Wee our Selves were pressent in Wittnes hereof Wee have here unto Sett our hands ffloshing this 10th of Aprill 1673

Testa. — Sarah Bridge

Robert Coe. — Rebecca Woolsey

Know all men by these pressents that I Richard Cornell whose name is here incerted doe Constitute and appoint my trusty and well beloved ffreinds Namely my Brother in Law William Earll. and my Brother John Cornell for to Receive all Such Legusis as shall any waies belong to me by the Will of my late Deceassed Mother or any waies apertaininge thereonto alsoe I give vnto my said Aturney or Aturneys full power to act for my two Sisters as

is Specified on the other Side for me and in my Name in all the premisses as if I my Selfe were personaly pressent In Wittnes whereof I have hereunto Sett to my hand — Newport on Rhod-Island this 20th of Aprill ANo 1673 Richard Cornell.

Test. Georg Lawton
Thomas Hickes.

These may Mannifest unto all whome it may Concerne that whereas upon the Complaint of of William Brownell of this Towne of portsmouth, made unto the Majestrats, against Mary the wife of John Hoomeyhoo, dwellinge in the Same Towne: Raissed and Reported by the Said Mary against the Said William Brownell, much tending to the disgrace disparagement and great Reproach of the Said William Brownell in Sayinge, that if the mare of John Tripp junr were dead, William Brownell had buggerd her to death, Whereupon the Said Mary Hoomeryhoo, being by warrant brought, before the Majestrates for Examination of the truth thereof, it beinge a Charge of a high Nature if true, and accordingly being Examined, She at first possitively with Confidence denyed that ever she had Spoken any Such words of the Said William Brownell, but at length it beinge by two Evidences (Vizt John Tripp junr and Thomas page) atested that She had Soe Reported, She then owned it and Confessed she had Soe Said, and whereas She had Said to one of the Testamonys that her husband told her what she had Reported She owned She had Soe done but in that alsoe She had Spoken that was falce, for Neither her husband nor any one Else had soe told her but it was a Matter made by her selfe, and declared she Knew noe Such Evill by the Said William Brownell, whereby she Should Raise any Such falce Reports of him and therefore Confessed she had done the Said William Brownell great wrong, and desired that She beinge a poor woman the matter might upon her Confession be past by without further trouble, And this

was done and Confessed at the dwelling house of John Tripp Senr on the 28^t day of December 1674 Wittness our hands

Joshua Coggeshall Asistant
John Tripp Asistant.

A True Coppy Entred and Recorded
ꝑ me John Sanford Towne Clerke.

[**350**] Whereas by the Order of the Councill of the Towne of portsmouth ffrancis Brayton Senr beinge lycenced to keep a house of publick Intertainment for Straingers and others accordinge to Law, he the Said Brayton Doth acknowlidge him Selfe to be bound in the Sum̄ of tenn Shillings for every defect to keepe good orders in his house accordinge as the law hath provided And. John Brigs Senr and John Sanford doe acknowlidge them Selves bound for the Said Braytons performance of the Lawes injunction in this Case provided and he hath paid downe the Sum̄ of tenn Shillings in mony for this Liberty or Lycence which is to Continew an be in force the full time of twelve-months from the first day of this instant Augs^t, and then to be Voyd and Null, Therefore these are to impower lycence and give ffull liberty unto the Said Brayton Senr to keep a house of publick Intertainment for all people, and other Suteable accom̄odation for people on all just Occassions dureinge the Said twelve months time, Given & Signed by order of the Councill of the Towne of portsmouth the Second day of August 1675:

Wittnes . our . hands John Sanford T^o Clerke

ffrancis his marke Brayton

John Brigs Senr his marke

John Sanford

Whereas by order of the Councill of the Towne of portsmouth Edward Lay beinge lycenced to keep a house of publick Intertainment for Straingers and others accordinge to law, he the Said Lay Doth acknowlidge him Selff to be bound in the Sum̄. of tenn Shillings for every defect to keepe good orders accordinge as the Law hath provided: And John Brigs Senr and John Sanford, doe acknowlidge them-selves bound for the Said Lays performance for the lawes injunctions in this Case provided; and he hath paid downe the Sum̄ of tenn Shillings in mony for this Liberty or lycence which is to Contineue and be in force the full time of twelve months from the Ninth day of Aprill last past, and then this Comition and Obligation to be Voyd and Null. Therefore these are to Empower, Lycence and give full Liberty vnto the Said Lay to keep a house of publick Intertainment, for all people, and other Suteable accom̄odations for people upon all just occassions dureinge the Said twelve-months time, Given and Signed by Order of the Councell of the Towne of portsmouth In Witnes whereof by order of the Councell afore-said, Wee Subscribe:

Edward his marke Lay

John. his marke Brigs

John Sanford

John Sanford To: clerke

[351] Wee whose Names are hereunder Subscribed beinge chossen and Empowred by the Towne of portsmouth at their meetinge held the 10th day of October 1673 to Isue differences between Neighbour and Neighbour in Refferance to devission lines of Lands adjoyneinge, Wee upon the Complaint of David Vahan that Ensign Hugh Moisser doth intrench on, and lay claime to Lands more than justly due: Have this day mett, and heard the Aligations on both parts, and have Requested of each

to Make their due title Mannifest, to which the Said Moisser Refussed, Sayinge the Law only Should, decide it; And Wee by due information, and Knowlidge findeinge that the Said Hugh Moisser hath Extended his bounds, and layd his fence within the bounds of the lands belonginge to the Said David Vahan, by him purchassed of the deceassed John Anthony, beinge layd out and bounded by the then lotters by Such remarkeable marked trees as they Saw cause. And wee upon the Veiwinge of the Same, doe See just Cause to owne three trees to be the true and proper Marke trees of the Southermost line of the Said David Vahans land, the Westerly Corner tree is a white Oake, the Easterly Corner tree a black Oake, between which there is a wind falne redd Oake from which Said faln red Oake on both lines East and west wee have Staked out a Straight line; which accordinge to the best of our judgments, and by the power above-said wee declare to be the due and proper line of the Said David Vahans Land on the Southerly Side thereof, And In Witnes hereof wee have hereunto Sett our hands the 14th day of ffebruary 1676

John Albro
ffrancis *f* Brayton
his marke
John Sanford

A True Coppy of the Origonall Entred and Recorded the 21t of Aprill 1677 ℘ me John Sanford Towne Clerke

This Indenture made the Twenty Seventh day of the month called Aprill in the year one Thousand Six hundred Seventy Eight witneseth that William Cadman, Samuell Wilbur, and Robert Hodgson, all of the Town of Portsmouth in the Colony of Road Island and Providence plantations in New England being By publick authority appointed and Impowered to dispose of Indians and place them out as apprentices in the Said Town of Portsmouth: have by these presents put, placed. and bound. a certain Indian boy Called peter who is the Son of one meequapew

an Indian Woman late of pocasett, as an Apprentice unto William Wodell of Portsmouth aforesaide as an apprentice with the Said William Wodell his Executors administrators and assigns to dwell for the full term and time of ten years from the day of the date hereof to bee Compleat: by and dureing all which Said time of ten years the Said peter Shall well and faithfully Serve his Said master William Wodell his Executors administrators or assigns in all Such Lawfull as by him them or any of them he the said peter Shall bee put to or commanded to doe according to the best of his skill power and abillity: and the Said William Wodell dureing all the Said term Shall provide and alow or Cause to bee provided and alowed to his Said aprentice Sufficient food and Rayment and other nessesaries meet for Such an apprentice, and at the End of the Said term Shall yield unto his Said appentice his freedom from this his said Servitude which will bee when the Said peter Shall bee twenty foure years of age

witnes our hands and Seales

Wm Cadman (Seal)

Samuell Wilbure (Seal)

Robert Hodgson (Seal)

The above written is A true Copie of the origionall Entred and Recorded the: 15th of the: 3th month 1678
℘ mee John Anthony Town Clerke

[352] This Indenture made the twenty Seventh-day of the month called Aprill in the year one Thousand Six hundred seventy Eight witneseth that William Cadman, Samuell Wilbore, and Robert Hodgson all of the Town of Portsmouth in the Colony of Road Island and providence Plantations in New England being by publicke Authority appointed and Impowered to dispose of and place out Indians as apprentices in the Said Town of Portsmouth, have by these presents put, placed, and bound, A certaine Indian Woman Called meequapew as an apprentice to William Wodell of Portsmouth aforesaid, and as an apprentice

with the Said William Wodell his Executors, administrators or assigns to dwell from the date of these presents untill the twenty fourth day of the month Called June which Shall bee in the yeare one Thousand Six hundred Eightty and one by and dureing al which time and term the Said meequapew Shall well and faith fully Serve her Said master William Wodell his Executors administrators or assigns in all Such Lawfull business as by him them or any of them She Shall bee Commanded to do. according to her power Skill and, abillity: and the said William Wodell dureing all the said term Shall provide and allow his said apprentice Sufficient food and Rayment and other nessesaries meet for Such an apprentice and at the End of the Said term Shall yield unto his Said apprentice her ffreedom from her Said Servitude

Witnes our hands and Seals

A true Coppie of the origionall
Entered and Recorded the : 15th of
the . 3 . month 1678
Ꝑ mee John Anthony Town Clerke

Wm Cadman (Seal)

Samuell Wilbur (Seal)

Robert Hodgson (Seal)

This Indenture made the twenty Seventh day of the month Called Aprill in the year one Thousand Six hundred Seventy Eight Witneseth that William Cadman Samuell Wilbur and Robert Hodgson, all of the Town of Portsmouth in the Colony of Road Island and Providence plantations in New England, being by publick Authority appointed and Impowered to dispose of and place out Indians as apprentices in the Said Town of Portsmouth: have by these presents put, placed, and bound a certaine Indian girl now of the age of Six years or near Soe much who is Daughter of one meecquapew an Indian woman late of pocaset as an apprentice unto William Wodell of Portsmouth aforesaid and as an apprentice With the Said William Wodell his Executors, administrators and assigns to dwell for the full

term and time of ffifteene years from the day of the date of these presents to bee Compleat and Ended by and dureing all which Said time of fifteene years the Said Indian Girl whose name is hannah Shall well and faithfully Serve her Said master William Wodell, his Executors, administrators, and assigns, in all Such Lawfull busines as by him, them, or any of them Shee the Said hannah Shall bee put to or Commanded to doe according to the best of her power Skill, and abillity and the Said William Wodell dureing all the Said terme Shall provide and allow, or cause to bee provided and allowed unto his Said appentice Sufficient food and Rayment and other nessessaries meet for Such an apprentice and at the End of the Said fifteene years Shall yield unto his Said apprentice her freedome from this her Said Servitude

witnes our hands and seals — Wm Cadman (Seal)

A True Coppie of the origionall Entered and Recorded the 15th of the 3d month 1678 — Samuell Wilbur (Seal)

ꝑ mee John Anthony Town Clerke — Robert Hodgson (Seal)

[353] Know all men by these presents that I Adam Right of Duxbury in the Collony of New plimoth in New england for and in Consideration of the full and Just Sum of four pounds and ten shillings in Lawfull mony of New England to me in hand before the Ensealling and delivery of these presents by William Wodell of Portsmouth in The Collony of Road Island and Providence plantations in New england aforesaid well and truly paid: with which Sd Sum I the Sd Adam Right doe acknowledge my Selfe fully Satisfid Contented and paid and thereof doe acquitt and discharge the Sd William Wodell his heires Executors and administrators for Ever by these presents have granted bargained Sould and assigned and by these presents doe frely fully and absolutly grant bargaine Sell and assigne unto the Sd William Wodell one Indian woman Named Hanah which sd Indian Woman was

Taken and Captivated by the Arms of his maj^{tis} Subjects and Condemned by the Authorytie Established in his maj^{tis} Sd Collony of New Plimoth to perpetuall Servitude and Slavery as may appere by one Instrument or Bill of Salle given under the hand and seale of Capt Benjamin Church bearing date the thirteenth day of march 1676–77 To have and to hold the sd Indian woman to him the Sd William Wodell his Executors Administrators and assignes forever To the only proper use and behoufe of him the sd William Wodell his Executors administrators and assignes for Ever In Witness whereof, I the sd Adam Right have hereunto set my hand and seall the ninth day of January 1677

Signed Sealled and delivered
in the presence off us

the Marke of
Adam Right (Seal)

the marke of Danill Willcokes sen^{r}

Nathaniel Thomas

The above named Indian Woman doth hereby declare that She is willing to be Servant to the aboue named William Wodell his Executors admnistrator and assignes in maner and form above Exspresed In Witness wherof She hath hereunto Set her hand The day and yeare above Writen

the markes of Hanah
the above Named Indian Woman

In the presence of us

the marke of Daniell Willcoks

The marke Ā of Alderman

Nathaniel Thomas

The above written is A True Copie Entered and Recorded the 27th of The 3^{d} month 1678
As atest John Anthony Town Clerke

[354] To all Christian people to Whome these p^r^sents Shall come I mary Williams of the Towne of Portsmouth in the Colony of Road Iseland and Providence Plantations Send Greeting in our Lord God Everlastinge. Know y[ ] that I the Said mary Williams for the Love and affection to my ffather Thomas Ginins and to my mother Ann Ginins Liveinge in the Towne of Portsmouth aforesaid have given granted and Confirmed And by this my pres[ ]nt Writinge doe fully freely and absolutely give grant and Confirme unto the said Thomas Ginins and Ann Ginins my Son Samuel Hoomery my Daugther mary Hoomery and my Daugther Deliverance to them the Said Thomas and Ann or to their assignes without any manner of Claime or demand of Any person or persons Whatsoever to Keep or. dispose of all or any of them as they Shall See meet or Convenient And I the Said mary Williams doth by these presents Clearely and Absoelutely Confirme the above mentioned premisses to the abovesaid Thomas Ginins And Ann Ginins or to their assignes in Witne[ ] whereof I the Said mary Williams have here unto set my hand and seale the 13 day of ffebruary 1678/9

and seal (Sal)

mark

mary Williams

W

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presents of us
Samuell Rowland
Elias Williams

The above written is a True Copie Entered and Recorded the 3^d^ of the first Moneth Called 1679 ℘ John Anthony Towne Clerke

ffebruary 13 : 1678/9

Know all men by these presents that I Elias Williams of the Towne of Portsmouth and Colony of Road Iseland and Providence Plantations doth by these p^r^sents oblidge and bind my Selfe in the just Sum of Twenty pounds Lawfull money never

to Trouble the within mentioned Thomas Ginings and Ann Ginins Concerning the gift and delivery of the Children within Specifyed as Witnes my hand the the day and yeare abouesaid

Witnes hereof Elias Williams

Samuell Rowland

The above Written is a True
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